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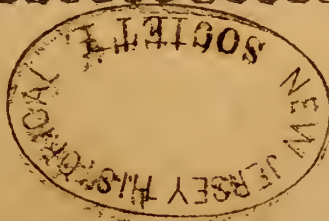
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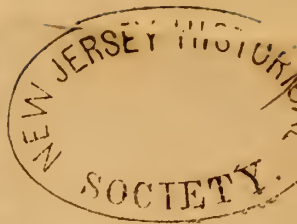
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A L A W *for the due Observation of the LORD'S-DAY, called*
SUNDAY.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That no Person or Persons shall do any Manner of servile Work or Labour on the Lord's-Day, called Sunday, (Works of Piety, Charity, or Necessity excepted) or buy or sell any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes whatsoever on that Day within the said City, under the Penalty of *Ten Shillings* for every Offence: And if any Child, Apprentice, Servant or Slave, shall be guilty of any of the Offences aforesaid, the Parent, Master, Mistress or Owner of such Child, Apprentice, Servant or Slave, shall Forfeit and Pay the Sum of *Six Shillings* for every such Offence.

No servile Labour
or Goods bought or
sold by any person.

Or by Children,
&c. &c.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Person of whatever Age or Sex shall meet together on the said Day, in any of the Streets or other Place, and there sport, play, or make a noise or disturbance, under the Penalty of *Two Shillings* for each Offence; and on Failure of Payment, such Offender or Offenders to be sent to the Watch-House of the said City by the Mayor, Recorder or any one of the Aldermen, for the space of one Hour.

No Person of any
Age or Sex to
play, &c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Public Inn-Keeper, Alehouse-Keeper, Victualer, or Ordinary-Keeper, shall entertain or receive Company in their Houses or other Place or Places, and there sell any Kind of Wine or other Liquor on the said Day, (unless to Strangers, Travellers, or those who lodge in such Houses, for their necessary Refreshment:) And that no Inn-Keeper, Ale-House Keeper, Victualler or Ordinary-Keeper, do at any Time suffer any excessive drinking, or Persons to be drunk in their Houses, under the Penalty of *Twenty Shillings* for each Offence.

No Public Inn-
Keeper, &c. to
entertain Company,
&c.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That the High Constable do order and take Care that Two or more of the Constables of the Six Wards on the South Side of the Fresh Water, and of the Bowery Division of the Out-Ward, do by turns successively, on every Sunday, in Time of Divine Service, walk through the several Streets and Lanes of this City with their Staffs, and cause this Law to be duly kept and observed; and to that end the said High Constable and other Constables, are hereby authorized and required, to enter into all or any of the Public Houses, Taverns, Ale-Houses, Victualling Houses, or Ordinaries, and if any Persons shall be found tipling therein, or Strong Liquors sold contrary to this Law, they shall make Complaint and Presentment thereof, that the same may punished as aforesaid.

Constables Duty:

A L A W *directing the Uses of the PUBLIC SEALS of this City.*

City Seal.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That the Seal commonly called the City Seal, shall be and remain in the Custody and Keeping of the Clerk of the said City, and that the same be put and affixed to all Grants, Leases, Freedoms, Warrants and other Instruments and Writings, which shall from Time to Time be made, granted or issued by Order of the Common Council of the said City, or otherwise provided for by the Charter of the said City, and to Freedoms granted by Order of the Mayor's Court, and that the said Seal be not put or used to any other Purpose whatsoever.

Mayor's Court Seal.

That the small Seal, commonly called the Seal of the Mayor's Court, shall also be and remain in the Custody and Keeping of the said Clerk, and be put and affixed to all Process issuing out of the said Court and the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and to no other Purposes whatsoever.

Mayoralty Seal.

And that the Seal, commonly called the Seal of Mayoralty, shall be and remain in the Custody and Keeping of the Mayor of the said City for the Time being; and that the same may by the said Mayor, or by the said Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the said City for the time being, be put and affixed to all such Writings and Instruments, Depositions, Affidavits, Exemplifications, Testimonials, Protests and other Matters and Things as are usual and customary to be certified under the Public Seal of any Mayoralty, for the better ascertaining of the Truth of the Matters and Things thereby certified.

A L A W *Relative to the ADMISSION of FREEMEN.*

Freedom Fees.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That all and every Person or Persons hereafter to be made Free of this City, (who were not Born within this City or served a regular Apprenticeship of Seven Years within the same) shall Pay for the Freedom thereof as follows, *to wit:* Every Merchant, Trader or Shop-Keeper, the Sum of *Five Pounds* Lawful Money of the State of New-York, including the several Fees herein after-mentioned; And every Handicraft Tradesman, the Sum of *Twenty Shillings* of like Lawful Money, for the Use of the Corporation, with the following Fees on being made Free, that is to say, *Eight Shillings* to the Mayor, *Six Shillings*, to the Recorder, *Seven Shillings and Sixpence* to the Clerk, and *One Shilling* to the Cryer of the Mayors-Court; and that every Person who was Born or served an Apprenticeship within this City, shall Pay for being Sworn a Freeman, and being Registered, and for a Certificate thereof the Sum of *Eight Shillings* to the Mayor, *Six Shillings* to the Recorder, *Seven Shillings and Sixpence* to the Clerk, and *One Shilling* to the Cryer and Bell-Ringer of the Mayor's-Court.

Oaths.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That every Person hereafter to be made Free of this City, shall take
such

such Oath of Allegiance to the State of New-York, as now is or hereafter shall be established by Law, before the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and any Four or more of the Aldermen ; and also the following Oath or Affirmation, *to wit* : I A. B. do Swear (or solemnly Affirm as the Case may be) that I, as a Freeman of the City of New-York, will maintain the lawful Franchises and Customs thereof, and keep the same City harmless as much as in me lieth, and that I will in all Things do my Duty as a good and faithful Freeman of the same City ought to do. So Help me GOD.

A L A W *to Regulate the Office of* CHAMBERLAIN *or* TREASURER *of this CITY.*

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, convened in Common Council, and it is hereby ordained by the Authority of the same,* That the Person hereafter to be elected Chamberlain or Treasurer of the said City, shall be a Freeholder or Freeman of the said City, actually residing within the same, and a Person of sufficient Abilities and fair Reputation : And, that the Person so elected, before he shall enter upon or officiate in the said Office of Chamberlain or Treasurer, shall enter into Bond to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, and their Successors, with Two sufficient Sureties, to be approved of by them, in the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds Lawful Money of the State of New-York, with a Condition to the Effect or in the Form following, *to wit* :

His Qualification:

“ Whereas the above bounden A. B. is elected to the Office and Place of Chamberlain or Treasurer of the said City for the Year ensuing : Now the Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the said A. B. shall and do, well, faithfully and truly perform, do, execute, act, transact and accomplish all Acts and Things whatsoever, which any ways touch or concern his said Office, and shall and do in all Things well and faithfully demean himself in the execution of the said Office of Chamberlain or Treasurer of the said City ; and shall in due Order and Method, in proper Books for that Purpose, keep a true, exact and just Account of the several Branches of the Revenue, Rents and Incomes of the Corporation of the said City, and of all and every other Sum and Sums of Money which may come into his Hands as Chamberlain or Treasurer, as aforesaid, in Virtue of any Law or Laws of the State of New-York, and of all Payments to be made thereout by Order of the Common Council of the said City, and also shall and do every Three Months, or oftner (if he shall be thereunto required) render unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, their Successors and Assigns, a true and just Account of all his Receipts and Payments to be made as aforesaid, regularly stated, in proper Books for that Purpose ; and shall and do well and duly observe all such Orders, Rules and Directions in the making of all Payments whatsoever, as he shall from Time to Time receive from the Common Council of the said City : And also, if the said A. B. his Executors and Administrators shall and do within the space of Fourteen Days next after the Determination or End of his said Office as Chamberlain or Treasurer as aforesaid, whether by the Death of the said A. B. or otherwise, well and truly render unto the said Mayor, Aldermen

Condition of his Bond.

and

and Commonalty of the City of New-York, their Successors and Assigns, a true and just Account, fairly entered in Books to be provided for that Purpose, as aforesaid, of all his Receipts and Payments, and shall and do well and truly Pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, their Successors or Assigns, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be then in his or their Hands, or which he or they shall, upon such Account, be found in Arrear: And also shall and do upon a sufficient Discharge in Law to him or them to be given by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, or their Successors, within the Time aforesaid, well and truly surrender and deliver up to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of New-York, their Successors or Assigns, all and singular the Books of Accounts belonging to the said Office, with all Warrants, Vouchers and Memorandums belonging to the same: And also all and singular Bills, Bonds, Specialties, Leases, Grants, Deeds, Charters, Letters Patent, and all other Papers and Writings whatsoever, in any wise belonging to the said Corporation, without any concealment, embezzlement or fraud: Then this Obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full Force and Virtue.

Election to be void if he neglects to enter into Bond and take the Oath prescribed.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Person hereafter to be elected Chamberlain or Treasurer of the said City, shall refuse or neglect to enter into such Security as aforesaid, and take the usual Oaths for the due execution of his said Office, within Fourteen Days after his being so elected; or if the said Chamberlain or Treasurer shall remove out of the said City, or shall resign his said Office of Chamberlain or Treasurer, then and in either of the said cases the Corporation shall and may proceed to elect another Person into the said Office, as if no such former Election had taken Place.

A L A W for the better Preventing of FIRE.

Constables to view Chimnies, &c.

And to Report to the Aldermen.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same*, That the Alderman and Assistant of each respective Ward within this City shall, at their discretion, Order and Direct one or both of the Constables of their said Ward to examine the Chimnies and Hearths of all Houses and Out-Houses, and all Places where Ashes is or shall be kept within their respective Wards, and if he or they find any defective, shall give Notice thereof to the said Alderman, who, at his discretion, shall Order the same to be swept, altered or mended; and if any Person shall Neglect or Refuse to obey the Order of such Alderman, such Person shall Forfeit the Sum of SIX SHILLINGS for each Offence, for the Use of the said Constable or Constables.

Penalty on Chimnies being on Fire.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Chimney within this City shall take Fire for want of being kept Clean, the Occupant thereof shall Forfeit the Sum of FORTY SHILLINGS like Money, for the Use of the Firemen of the said City.

III. AND

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Inhabitant or Owner of every House within this City, having Three Fire-Places and under Six, shall provide Two Leather Buckets, and having Six Fire-Places and under Nine, Four; and having Nine Fire-Places and upwards, Six; and of every Brew-House, Distillery and Sugar-House, Nine Buckets; and of every Bake-House, Four Buckets ready in their respective Houses and Buildings aforesaid; and that the same be found and procured by the Persons inhabiting the said Houses, and the Price thereof be allowed by the Landlord out of their Rent, and that the said Buckets be Marked with, at least, the Initial Letters of the Landlord's Name. And if any House-Keeper or other Person aforesaid, shall Neglect to procure and have ready in their respective Dwelling-Houses and other Buildings before-mentioned, the Number of Leather Buckets in Manner herein before directed, such House-Keeper shall for every Month he shall so Neglect, Forfeit the Sum of *Six Shillings* for each Bucket. And if any Person or Persons shall detain from the Owner any Bucket or Buckets which shall be used at any Fire as aforesaid, above Forty-Eight Hours after such Fire is extinguished, the Person so detaining such Buckets shall Forfeit and Pay to the Owner for each Bucket so detained the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*; and if the Owners of any Buckets are not known, the same shall be sent to the City-Hall of this City, and be delivered to the Marshall or Keeper thereof, in Order that they may be reserved for the Owner.

Buckets to be provided in each House.

No Buckets to be detained.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Fire-men shall from Time to Time and at all Times during their continuance in their Office, have and enjoy the Benefits and Privileges hereafter-mentioned; and be subject to and demean themselves according to the Rules and Regulations following, *to wit*:

Fire-mens Duty and Privileges.

1st. That as often as any Fire shall break out within this City, the said Fire-men shall immediately upon Notice thereof repair to their respective Fire Engines, and draw them to the Place where such Fire shall happen, and there, by the Direction of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, Sheriff, Engineer or Overseer of the Fire Engines, or any of them who shall be present, Work and Manage the said Fire Engines, and other Tools and Instruments, with all their Power and Skill, for the speedy extinguishing such Fire, and when such Fire is extinguished, Shall return the said Fire Engines and other Tools and Instruments, well washed and cleaned, to their respective proper Places of Deposit.

2dly. That if any Fire-man shall be absent from any such Fire, (without reasonable Cause) he shall, for every such Default, Forfeit and Pay the Sum of *Twelve Shillings*.

Fire-men not to be Absent.

3dly. That for the better keeping the said Fire Engines in good Order and Repair, and Preserving the same from Decay, the said Fire-men shall, when the Season of the Year will Permit, (by the Order and Direction of the Overseer of the said Fire Engines) once in every Month, and at any Time or Times when required by the Mayor or any Three or more of the Al-

Fire Engines to
be kept in good Or-
der.

dermen of the said City, for the Time being, or by Order of Common Council of the said City, draw out the said Fire Engines in Order to their being Examined, and shall Work, Manage and Exercise the same, and Wash and Cleanse them, and be careful that they be in good Order and Condition and fit for Service upon any Emergency, and then return the same to their respective Places of Deposit; and that if any Fire-man shall Neglect his Duty herein, he shall, for every such Default, Forfeit and Pay the Sum of *Six Shillings*.

Fire-men for
Neglect of Duty to
be displaced.

4thly. That if any Person who is Appointed and Registered as a Fire-man shall Neglect or Refuse to do his Duty as such, in attending Fires, or in Working, Managing and frequent Exercising, Trying and Using the said Fire Engines, Tools and other Instruments provided for the better Extinguishing of Fire, such Fire-man making Default, shall (besides the Fines and Penalties before-mentioned) be removed and displaced from the Office of a Fire-man.

Regulation as to
Hay, &c.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Person or Persons whomsoever shall have, keep, or put any Hay or Straw in Stack or Pile in his, her, or their Yard, Garden or in any other Place on the South-Side of a Line beginning at the Out-Let of the Swamp of Leonard Lespenard, Esquire, into Hudson's River, thence to and along the North-Side of the Dwelling-House of Nicholas Bayard, Esquire, thence to and along the North-Side of the Dwelling-House late of Thomas Jones, Esquire, and thence to and along the North-Side of the Dwelling-House of Abraham Cannon, to the East-River, except in close Buildings proper for the Purpose: And also that no Person or Persons shall have, keep, or put any Hay or Straw in any House, Stable or other Building to the Southward of the Line aforesaid, which is or shall be within *Ten Feet* of any Chimney, Hearth or Fire-Place, or Place for keeping Ashes, under the Penalty of *Twenty Shillings* for every Offence. And that if any Person or Persons shall continue to keep Hay or Straw in any such House, Stable, Building or other place aforesaid, above *Forty-Eight Hours* after Conviction thereof as aforesaid, he, she or they shall be subject to the like Penalty, and so as often as it shall happen as aforesaid.

No Guns to be
discharged in the
Streets, &c. &c.

VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Person whatsoever do Fire or Discharge any Gun, Pistol, Rocket, Cracker or Squib, or other Fire Works, in any Street or other Place whatsoever within the Limits last aforesaid, such Person so offending shall for every Offence, Forfeit and Pay the Sum of *Ten Shillings*.

A LAW for the better Securing this City from the DANGER of
GUN-POWDER.

WHEREAS the better to secure the Inhabitants of the City of New-York from the Dangers they have been exposed to by
large

large Quantities of Gun-Powder being lodged in the Magazine at the Fresh Water, and being kept in Houses, Shops and Stores within the said City, a suitable and convenient New Magazine or Powder-House is erected and built at Inclembergh, in the Out-Ward, for the reception of all the Gun-Powder which is or shall be imported into the said City :

Preamble.

I. BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same*, That no Person or Persons shall keep in any House, Shop, Store-House, or other Place within Two Miles of the City-Hall of the said City, (Magazines of Powder of the United States, or of this State, only excepted) any more or greater Quantity of Gun-Powder at one Time than *Twenty-Eight Pounds*, and that in Four separate Stone Jugs, or Tin Cannisters, each of which shall not contain more than Seven Pounds Weight of Gun-Powder, under the Penalty of *Ten Pounds* for every Offence.

Not more than 28lb. in Four separate Jugs to be kept in any House.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Common Council of the said City shall from Time to Time Appoint a Sober, Discreet and Sufficient Inhabitant of the said City, to be Store-Keeper of the said Magazine or Powder-House, lately erected as aforesaid; that it shall be the Duty of the said Store-Keeper to Receive and Store in the said Magazine or Powder-House, all such Gun-Powder as shall be thereto brought to be safely kept and Stored, and that he shall be Accountable therefor to the Owners thereof, (Lightning and other unavoidable Accidents excepted): That he shall as often as required, every Day (except Sunday) between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, and Two and Four in the Afternoon, give his Attendance to Receive into and Deliver out of the said Magazine or Powder-House, all such Gun-Powder as shall be brought thereto to be Stored, or as shall be required to be delivered thereout as aforesaid: That upon his receiving into his Custody any Quantity of Gun-Powder, he shall enter the same in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, specifying the Names of the respective Owners, the Quantity of Gun-Powder, and the Size, Marks and Numbers of the Casks, and at the same Time give his Receipt in Writing for the same to the Owners thereof.

Keeper of the Magazine to be appointed,

who is to be Accountable to the Owner of Gun Powder Stored,

and attend at the Magazine to Receive Gun-Powder,

and enter the same in a Book, specifying the Name of the Owner, &c. &c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Store-Keeper of the said Magazine or Powder-House, for the Time being, shall and may Demand, Take and Receive (for the Use of the Corporation) for the Storage of all Gun-Powder Received into the Magazine or Powder-House aforesaid, (Gun-Powder belonging to the United States or this State excepted) the Rates or Sums of Money following, *viz.*

Rates of Storage.

For every Barrel of Gun-Powder *One Shilling and Four-Pence*, for every Half-Barrel *One Shilling*, and for every Quarter Barrel or smaller Cask *Eight-Pence*, for any Time less than a Year.

And if such Gun-Powder shall lie in the said Magazine or Powder-House for any longer Time than One Year, double those Sums for each Cask of Gun-Powder above-mentioned.

IV. AND

Powder to be
Turned every
Month.

Keeper's Fees.

Penalty on the
Keeper for Neglect.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Store-Keeper for the Time being shall, once in every Month, cause all the Gun-Powder in the Magazine or Powder-House aforesaid, to be well Turned, for which Services and for Receiving and Delivering the same, he shall have and Receive, to his own Use, over and above the Rates aforesaid, from the Owner or Owners of the said Gun-Powder, the Sum of *One Shilling and Four-pence* for every Barrel : the Sum of *One Shilling* for each Half-Barrel; and the Sum of *Eight Pence* for each Quarter-Barrel or lesser Cask : And if the said Store-Keeper shall Neglect to give due Attendance at the Magazine or Powder-House aforesaid, at the Times aforesaid, when thereunto Required, or shall Neglect Turning the Gun-Powder therein Stored and Kept, or shall take or exact any greater Sums of Money for Storage, Receiving and Delivering and for Turning such Gun-Powder as aforesaid, than are herein before limited and appointed, within the Hours before-mentioned, he shall Forfeit and Pay the Sum of *Forty Shillings* for every Offence.

Bags to be pro-
vided.

No Gun-Powder
to be removed but
in Bags,

nor carried in Carts
with Iron-Shod
Wheels.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That for the more safe Conveyance of Gun-Powder to and from the said Magazine or Powder-House, the said Store-Keeper shall procure and provide good Tow-Cloth or Leather Bags or Covers, in Order to Cover all Casks of Gun-Powder that may hereafter be conveyed to or from the said Magazine or Powder-House : And that no Cart-Man or other Person or Persons whomsoever shall carry any Gun-Powder to or from the said Magazine or Powder-House or through any Street of this City, unless the same shall be covered with such Tow-Cloth or Leather Bags as aforesaid, under the Penalty of *Forty Shillings* for every Offence : And that no Person or Persons whomsoever shall carry any Cask of Gun-Powder through any Street of this City in any Cart or other Carriage Shod with Iron, under the Penalty of *Four Pounds* for each Offence.

Fees for the Use
of the Bags.

VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Store-Keeper of the said Magazine for the Time being, to have, Receive and take of and from every Person or Persons, who shall Use any of the aforesaid Tow Cloth or Leather Bags or Covers, *Three-Pence* for each Bag or Cover so by him or them to be used.

A L A W to Appoint SURVEYORS for this CITY.

Surveyors to be
Appointed.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same*, That there shall be such and so many Surveyors Appointed for this City, as the Common Council of the said City shall from Time to Time think proper, whose Duty it shall be to assist the said Common Council in the Laying Out and Regulating of all the Streets, Wharfs and Slips of the said City, and to Lay Out and Survey all Ground for the Purpose of Building on, and to Advise and Direct concerning the same : And that the said Surveyors so to be Appointed as aforesaid, do, before they respectively enter upon the Execution of the said

said Office, take an Oath well and truly to Execute the same.

And take an Oath of office.

And in Order that Regularity and Uniformity may be kept and observed in the Streets and Buildings within the said City,

II. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Person or Persons whatsoever shall erect any Building on his, her, or their Ground, unless the same be previously viewed and laid out by the said Surveyors or One of them, nor in any other Manner than they or One of them (with the Advice and Consent of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward where such Ground lieth) shall Direct, under the Penalty of *Five Pounds* Lawful Money of the State of New-York for each Offence.

No Building to be erected until the Lot is surveyed.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That for laying out each House Lot, and giving a Certificate thereof, the said Surveyor or Surveyors shall have and Receive from the Owner or Owners thereof the Sum of *Eight Shillings*.

Surveyor's Fees.

A L A W to regulate the PUBLIC MARKETS within this CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same*, That every Day in the Week (except Sunday) be, and hereby is Appointed a Public Market-Day within this City, from Sun-Rise to Sun-Set, and that the Public Markets shall be held at such Place or Places as the Common Council of the said City shall from Time to Time Direct and Appoint: And that such Part or Parts thereof as are or shall not be particularly appropriated and allotted to Butchers or others, shall and may be occupied by Country People and others resorting the said Public Markets, to sell their Provisions and other Articles usually sold in the Public Market-Places in the said City.

Market-Days and Places.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Person or Persons whomsoever, not being licensed for the Purpose, shall Act as a Butcher or Butchers, or sell or expose to sale, in any of the Public Markets or elsewhere within this City, any Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton or Lamb, by the Joint or in Pieces, (except Country People herein after-mentioned and excepted) under the Penalty of *Ten Shillings* for every Offence.

Butchers to be licensed.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That as the Public Markets are intended for the Benefit of House-Keepers and others in this City, who buy for the Use and Consumption of themselves and their Families, and to the End that they may provide themselves in the Forenoon of every Day, at the First Hand and at moderate Rates, with such Provisions and other Articles as are usually sold in the Public Markets, it shall not be lawful for any of the Hucksters or Retailers within this City to purchase in any of the said Markets to sell again, any Provisions or Goods of any Kind whatsoever (except Flour or Meal) until Eleven o'Clock

Hucksters not to purchase any Articles until 11 o'clock.

of every Day, under the Penalty of *Ten Shillings* for each Offence :
 And that it shall not be lawful for any of the Hucksters or Retailers
 afore said, to purchase Flour or Meal in any of the said Public Mar-
 nor Flour until 4
 o'clock, kets to sell again, until Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, under the
 Penalty of *Five Shillings* for every Hundred Weight of Flour or
 Meal so purchased as afore said.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority afore said,*
 That no Huckster or Hucksters, Retailer or Retailers shall sell or
 nor to sell in the
 Markets or Streets. offer or expose to sale any Provisions or other Articles whatsoever,
 in any of the said Public Markets within this City, or in any of the
 Streets thereof, under the Penalty of *Ten Shillings* for each Offence.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority afore said,*
 That no Person or Persons shall sell or offer for sale in any of the
 Public Markets afore said, or within any Part of this City, any un-
 No unwholsome
 Provisions to be
 fold. wholesome or stale Articles of Provision, any blown Meat or measy
 Pork, under the Penalty of *Forty Shillings* for every Offence.

VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority afore said,*
 That all Butter brought to this City for sale shall be sold by
 Butter to be sold
 by Weight. Weight : And if any Butter exposed to sale as afore said, shall be
 found deficient in the Weight at which it is offered for sale, the
 Person or Persons selling or exposing the same to sale, shall Forfeit
 and pay the Sum of *Ten Shillings* for every Offence.

VII. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority afore said,*
 That all and every of the Butchers and others resorting and coming
 to any of the Public Markets afore said, shall pay for their respective
 Stalls, Standings, Places, Boards, Shelter and other Things necessary
 for their Standings in any of the Public Markets afore said, within
 this City, and for keeping the same Clean ; and also for defraying
 the Incidental Charges of Repairing the Markets, and Rewarding
 the Care and Attendance of the Clerk of the said Markets or his De-
 puties, or such other Person or Persons as the Common Council of
 the said City shall from Time to Time for that Purpose Appoint,
 the Rates and Sums of Money following, *to wit :*

For all Cattle killed and brought into any of the Public Markets,
 Market Fees. for Four Quarters, *One Shilling and Four-Pence*, and in that pro-
 portion for a greater or less Number or Quantity. For every Hog,
 Shoat or Pig, brought into and cut up for sale in any of the Public
 Markets, *Four-Pence*. And for every Calf, Sheep or Lamb,
Three-Pence.

VIII. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority afore said,*
 That the Clerk of the said Markets, or his Deputies, or such other
 Person or Persons afore said, as the Common Council shall from Time
 to Time Appoint for that Purpose, is, and are hereby authorised
 and empowered to have, demand and receive from the Butchers
 and others who buy to sell again, and resort to any of the said Public
 Markets, the Rates and Sums of Money afore said, and in that Pro-
 portion for every Species of Provision above-mentioned, which may
 be brought for sale as afore said to any of the Public Markets afore-
 said : And if any Butcher or Butchers, or other Person or Persons
 afore said, shall Neglect, Refuse or Delay to pay the several
 Sums

Sums of Money aforesaid, when thereunto required as aforesaid, such Butcher or Butchers, or other Person or Persons so neglecting, refusing, or delaying, shall forfeit and pay double the Sum so from him, her or them due, owing and demanded, to the said Clerk of the Markets, his said Deputies, or such Person or Persons aforesaid, as the Common Council shall from Time to Time for that Purpose Appoint as aforesaid.

IX. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Country People to sell or expose to sale, in any of the Public Markets aforesaid, within this City, Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton and Lamb, by the Quarter, without paying any thing for the same, if such Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton or Lamb, be *Bona Fide* raised or produced on the Farm or Plantation of the Person exposing the same to sale, and not bought to sell again as aforesaid, any Thing in this Law contained to the Contrary in any Wise notwithstanding.

Country People may sell their own Meat by the Quarter without paying Fees.

X. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Country People to sell or expose to sale, in all or any of the Public Markets aforesaid, Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton and Lamb, by the Joint or in Pieces, or in great or small Quantities or Parcels as they shall see convenient, first paying to the Clerk of the Markets, his Deputies, or such other Person or Persons as the Common Council for the Time being, shall from Time to Time for that Purpose Appoint as aforesaid, the Fees or Rates aforesaid, in the same Manner and Proportion as the Butchers and others are bound to do.

Country People to pay Fees if they cut up their Meat.

A LAW to establish and regulate the PUBLIC SLAUGHTER-HOUSE within this CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same*, That no Person or Persons whomsoever shall Slaughter any neat Cattle at any Place within the Limits of this City, other than at the Public Slaughter-House at Corlear's Hook, under the Penalty of *Thirty Shillings* lawful Money of the State of New-York for each Head of such neat Cattle slaughtered contrary to this Law. Provided always, that this Law shall not be construed to prohibit any Person from slaughtering any such neat Cattle for the Consumption of his or her own Family on his or her own Land.

Cattle to be slaughtered at the Slaughtering-House only.

Provido.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Keeper of the said Public Slaughter-House to demand and receive for the Use of the said Slaughter-House, Pen and Pen-fold, and the Tackle and Furniture thereto belonging, the Sum of *One Shilling and Six-Pence* for each Head of neat Cattle which shall be slaughtered in the said Slaughter-House as aforesaid.

Keeper's Fees.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*,
That

Butchers to be
licenced.

That no Person shall exercise the Office of a Butcher in this City, unless he is licenced for that Purpose by the Mayor, under the Penalty of *Five Pounds*, for every Offence, and that every Butcher shall hold his said Office during the Pleasure of the Corporation only.

A L A W to regulate the Sale of BREAD.

Bread not marked
forfeited to the Poor.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That no Person or Persons whomsoever shall expose to sale within this City, any Loaf Bread whatever, unless the same shall be marked with the Initial Letters of the Baker's Christian and Surname plainly to be seen, upon Pain of forfeiting all such Bread as shall be made and exposed to sale unmarked as aforesaid, to be disposed of for the Use of the Poor of the said City, by Order of the Mayor, Recorder, or any one of the Aldermen.

Inspectors ap-
pointed.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Mayor for the Time being, or in Case of his Death, Sickness or Absence, the Deputy-Mayor for the Time being, or the Recorder, shall once in every Three Months, or oftner if he shall deem it necessary, Appoint a fit Person or Persons to be Inspectors of Bread, to examine the Quality thereof, and see that the same be of due Weight according to the Assize.

Penalty on light
Bread.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That all Bakers shall make their Bread of good and wholesome Flour or Meal, and according to the Assize now established, or hereafter from Time to Time to be established by Order of the Common Council upon Pain of Forfeiture of all such Bread as shall be found not to be good, or wanting of the due Assize, to be disposed of to the Use of the Poor of the said City; And also of *Twenty Shillings* for each Offence.

A L A W to regulate the PAVING the STREETS and for PREVENTING NUISANCES within this CITY.

Pavements to be
made agreeable to
Directions of the
Alderman and As-
sistant of the Ward.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That all and every the Inhabitants of the said City, who are or shall be in Possession of any House or other Building, or Lot or Lots of Ground fronting any Street, Lane or Alley, shall, (at his, her, or their own proper Charge and Expence, or at the Charge and Expence of his, her, or their Landlord or Landlady,) well and sufficiently pave, or cause to be well and sufficiently paved, with good and suitable paving Stones, all and so much of the said Streets, Lanes and Alleys, as shall front the respective Buildings and Lots of Ground in their respective Possession as aforesaid, and keep and maintain the same in good Repair,
at

at such Time or Times and in such Manner and Form as shall from Time to Time be directed, appointed and prescribed by the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward in which such Inhabitant shall reside.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Inhabitant shall refuse, delay or neglect to pave, or cause to be paved, his, her, or their Proportion of the Street, Lane, or Alley, fronting his, her, or their respective Buildings and Lots of Ground as aforesaid, or shall pave the same contrary to, or without such Directions and Appointment as aforesaid, he, she, or they, shall for every Default, forfeit and pay the Sum of *Forty Shillings*.

Penalty.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Inhabitants who are House-holders to the southward of Fresh-Water, shall once in every Week, between the First Day of March and the First Day of December yearly, and on the respective days which shall for that Purpose be appointed from Time to Time by the Alderman of each respective Ward, before the Hour of Twelve in each Day, cause all the Dirt and Filth in their respective Yards and in the Street opposite to each of their Lots, and between such Lots and the middle of the Gutter, to be swept, collected and laid in Heaps, that the same may be ready to be taken up and removed by the Scavenger or Scavengers of the said City, from Time to Time to be appointed by the Common Council, which Scavengers respectively shall have and be entitled to the exclusive Right, Benefit and Advantage of all the Dirt and Manure which shall be so swept up and collected in the several Streets of the Wards for which they shall respectively be Scavengers : And if any Person shall take or carry away any Dirt or Manure, which by this Law is vested in the Scavengers respectively, he shall forfeit and pay *Four Shillings* for each Load of such Dirt and Manure, to be recovered by the Scavenger or Scavengers of the Ward in his or their own Name, and for his or their own Benefit, provided such Dirt or Manure shall be removed by such Scavenger within the Time and in the Manner it ought to be removed according to the true Intent of this Law : And if any Person shall Neglect or Refuse to do and Perform what is so enjoined on him or her, he or she shall, for every such Neglect or Refusal, forfeit the Sum of *Three Shillings* ; and it shall be, and hereby is made the Duty of the Scavengers, Constables and Marshalls, to give Information to the Alderman of the Ward, of every such Neglect, or Refusal, who shall forthwith proceed against the Offender for the said Penalty as the Law directs.

Streets to be swept on the Days appointed by the Alderman of the Ward.

The Dirt to be the exclusive Right of the Scavenger.

Not to be removed by any other Person

if the Scavenger removes it in season.

Duty of Scavenger, &c. to inform against Delinquents.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if the Scavenger shall Neglect to remove the Dirt and Filth so to be collected in any Ward or Street as aforesaid, till after the Hour of Eight in the Evening, he shall forfeit for every Heap which shall not be removed and carried away, the Penalty of *Three Shillings* : And it shall, and hereby is made the Duty of the respective Constables and Marshalls of the said City, to give Information to the Alderman of the Ward of every Neglect or Offence which shall be suffered or committed by the Scavengers contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Law.

If the Scavenger neglects his Duty.

Constables and Marshalls to inform.

No Person to lay any Dirt into the Street, except on the Days appointed.

V. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever shall cast or lay in any of the Streets, Lanes or Alleys, or in any Dock or Slip, Oysters, Clams, or other Shell-Fish, Ashes, Manure, Rubbish, or other Dirt whatsoever, (except on the Days and for the Purposes of being removed as aforesaid) he, she, or they, shall for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of *Six Shillings*.

No noisome Filth to be kept in any Yard, &c.

Nor emptied into any Street, but thrown into the Current or Stream of the River.

VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Person or Persons shall have, use, make or keep in his, her, or their Dwelling-House, Out-House, Cellar or Yard, or in any other Place whatsoever in any of the Six Wards south of Fresh-Water, any Vat, Pit or Pool of standing Water, whether for Tanners or any other Use, or any noisome or offensive substance, or shall throw, spill, or empty the same or any Part thereof, into any of the Streets, or in any other Place than the Current or Stream of the River, such Person or Persons shall for each Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of *Forty Shillings*.

No noisome or undressed Hides, &c. to be kept in any Place 24 Hours.

Provision in favor of Beekman's Swamp.

VII. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Tanner or other Person shall bring to and keep in any Place or Places, within the Six Wards aforesaid, during the space of *Twenty-Four Hours*, any undressed, undried, or uncured Hides, Skins or Leather, or any Blubber, or other Materials whatsoever for dressing the same, which cause any noisome or offensive Smell, such Person or Persons shall, for each Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of *Forty Shillings*. Provided always, that nothing in this Law contained shall extend or be construed to affect any Person or Persons that have any Vat or Vats, Pit or Pits, in the Place commonly called *Beekmans Swamp*, in this City, now made or placed there during the Time that the present respective Possessors of the said Pits or Vats make Use of the same.

No Dirt to be swept into the Kennel in Time of Rain.

VIII. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Person or Persons shall in the Time of Rain, sweep any Soil or Dirt into or near the Kennel of any Street so that the same may be carried away by the Stream thereof, under the Penalty of *Six Shillings* for each Offence; and if such Offence shall be committed by any Apprentice, Servant or Slave, such Forfeiture shall be paid by the Master, Mistress or Owner thereof.

Streets or Wharfs not to be incumbered.

IX. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Person or Persons shall Incumber or Obstruct any of the Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Wharfs or Piers with Timber, Boards, Plank, Staves, Heading, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, Grindstones, Anchors, Bricks, or any other Kind of Lumber or other Thing, without having first obtained Leave or Permission so to do from the Mayor of the said City, (and that Leave and Permission is hereby confined and limited to Persons only that are or shall be building or repairing Houses or other Buildings) every such Person or Persons shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Forty Shillings* for every twelve Hours the Incumbrance or Obstruction aforesaid shall remain in any of the Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Wharfs or Piers aforesaid: And further, that if the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors of such Timber, or
any

any of the other Articles aforesaid, is or are not known, or shall reside out of this City, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of this City, or any One of them, upon the View of them or any One of them, or upon application made to them or any One of them, by any Person or Persons whomsoever, to Order such Timber, Boards, Plank, Staves, Heading, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, Grind-Stones, Anchors, Bricks, or any other Kind of Lumber aforesaid, to be carted from such Lane, Alley, Street, Dock or Pier, which shall be so incumbered with the same, unto the Yard of the Alms-House or Bridewell of this City, and to direct the immediate sale of so much thereof as will be sufficient to pay such Fine or Forfeiture as aforesaid, and the Expence of such Cartage, and that the remainder shall continue in the Yard of the Alms-House or Bridewell until the proper Owner or Owners shall appear, prove his Property, and pay to the Treasurer of this City for the Use of the Poor thereof, *Two-Pence* for every Cart-Load, for every Day that the same shall remain in either of the said Yards.

A L A W to regulate CARTS and CARTMEN in this CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That no Person shall drive any Sled, Cart, Truck, or other Carriage for the Transportation of any Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Fire-Wood or other Things whatsoever, within this City, for Hire or Wages, unless he shall be admitted and sworn as a Freeman thereof, and appointed and licensed as a Cartman by the Mayor for the Time being, under the Penalty of *Ten Shillings* for every Load or Part of a Load he shall so drive or carry.

No Person to
drive Carts, &c:
without Licence.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That each Sled or Cart to be employed for the Transportation of any Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Fire-Wood or other Things, shall be two Feet five Inches wide between the foremost Rungs, and two Feet nine Inches wide between the hindmost Rungs, and no more or less: And that all the Rungs shall be three Feet eight Inches high above the Floor of the Sled or Cart, and no more or less, under the Penalty of *Twenty Shillings* for each Offence, to be paid by the Owner or Possessor thereof.

Size of Carts, &c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That each Cart-Man heretofore licensed, or hereafter to be licensed, shall immediately cause the Number of his Licence to be fairly painted upon each side of his Cart with red Paint, easily to be seen, on the Square of the after Part of the Shaft, under the Penalty of *Ten Shillings* for every Offence.

Carts, &c. to be
numbered.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Cart-Man shall drive a Cart with Iron-shod Wheels in any of the Streets, under the Penalty of *Twenty Shillings* for every Load or Part of a Load he shall so drive or carry: And further, that the Rims of the Wheels of all Carts to be used by each licensed Cart-Man shall not be less than four Inches and an Half broad, and eight Inches deep

Iron-shod Wheels
prohibited.

Size of Wheels.

deep (when new) on Pain of his forfeiting his Licence and the Sum of *Forty Shillings*.

No Cart-Man to let out his Cart, &c, on Shares,

except in case of Sicknefs, &c.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforefaid*, That no Cart-Man fhall let out his Cart or Sled to Hire or on Shares, to any Perfon or Perfons whomfoever, but fhall drive it himfelf, unlefs, by reafon of Sicknefs or other Difability, he obtain a Licence for fo doing, from the Mayor, or in his abfence, the Recorder, under the Penalty of *Twenty Shillings* for every Day or Part of a Day fuch Cart or Sled fhall be fo let out, to be paid by the Perfon driving fuch Cart or Sled.

nor to fit and drive, &c.

except in cafe of old Age.

VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforefaid*, That no Cart-Man, Dray-Man, or Water-Carrier, fhall fit in and drive his Cart, Sled, Dray or other Carriage, in any of the Streets (except fuch only as by reafon of old Age or Infirmities fhall be licenfed for that Purpofe under the Hand of the Mayor;) and that no fuch Cart-Man, Dray-Man or Water-Carrier, fhall drive his Horfe off a Walk, under the Penalty of *Six Shillings* for each Offence.

To Cart when required.

VII. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforefaid*, That if any Cart-Man fhall Neglect or Refufe to Cart or employ his Horfe and Cart or Sled for any Perfon when required, (unlefs he be actually otherwife employed) fuch Cart-Man fhall for every fuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*.

To leave all other employment to Cart Goods fubject to Damage.

VIII. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforefaid*, That every Cart-Man fhall, upon Request, leave all other employments whatfoever, to attend the riding and carting of Wheat, Flour, or any other Merchandize fubject to Damage, under the Penalty of *Twenty Shillings* for each Default.

To ride good Loads.

But not more than one Puncheon or Pipe of Liquors.

IX. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforefaid*, That each of the Cart-Men fhall carry a good and fufficient Load, that is to fay, as much as can be conveniently ftowed on his Cart, and as is reafonable for one Horfe to draw, under the Penalty of *Ten Shillings*, to be recovered by any Perfon who fhall fue for the fame. And that no Cart-Man fhall Load or carry in his Cart at one Time, more than one Puncheon or Hogfhead of Rum, one Hogfhead of Molaffies, one Hogfhead of Sugar, one Pipe of Wine, or Hogfhead, Puncheon, or Pipe of any other Liquors, and that no greater Quantity of Liquors fhall be loaded or carried in a Cart at one Time in fmall Casks than one Hundred and Forty Gallons, under the Penalty of *Six Shillings*.

Rates of Cartage.

X. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforefaid*, That the Prices or Rates to be taken by Cart-Men for the Carriage of Goods, Wares and Merchandize, Fire-Wood and other Things, fhall be as follows, *viz.*

For loading, carting and unloading every common Load of European Goods, Wheat, Meal or Flour in Bags (twelve Bags to the Load) and of other Articles not herein after-mentioned, to any Place within this City, not exceeding Half a Mile, *One Shilling*

- Shilling.* For every Load of Lime, Bricks, Pantiles, Staves, Heading, Hoops, Hoop-Poles, Cocoa, Bar-Iron, Pimento, Slate and all Kinds of Dye-Wood, every seven Barrels of Flour, every four Tierces of Bread, every two Bales of Cotton, every fifteen Bushels of Salt, every Load of Cheefe or Gammons, every Load of Sails, every Load of White Sand, every Load of Beef, Pork, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, Beer, Cyder, or other Goods or Things in tight Barrels, allowing five Barrels to each Load (excepting Oil and Pot-Ash, which shall be four Barrels to a Load) not exceeding Half a Mile, *One Shilling*, and if housed, *One Penny* per Barrel more.
- For every Load of Iron-Pots or Kettles, every Load of Household Goods, every Load of Hay in Trusses or Bundles, every Load of Calves, Sheep or Lambs, every Load of loose Shingles and every Load of Building or Paving Sand, containing twelve Bushels to the Load, not exceeding Half a Mile, *One Shilling and Six-Pence*.
- For every Load of loose Earthen Ware, every Load of Coal, of one-third of a Chaldron, every Load of loose dried Fish, every Load of Hemp or Flax, in Bales, loose or in Bundles, and every Load of Oyster-Shells, not exceeding the Distance of Half a Mile, *Two Shillings*.
- For loading, carting, unloading and housing the Goods hereafter-mentioned, *viz.*
- For every Hoghead or Puncheon of Rum or other strong Liquors, exceeding Ninety Gallons, and for every Hoghead of Molasses, exceeding Ninety Gallons, *Two Shillings and Six-Pence*.
- For every Pipe of Wine or other strong Liquors, *Three Shillings*.
- For every Hoghead of Ale, and for every Tierce of Molasses, Rum, or other strong Liquors, from Sixty to Ninety Gallons, *Two Shillings*.
- For every Cask of Molasses, Rum, or other strong Liquors, exceeding Forty Gallons and under Sixty, *One Shilling and Six-Pence*.
- For every Hoghead of Sugar of twelve Hundred Weight and upwards, *Three Shillings*.
- For every Hoghead of Sugar of nine Hundred Weight and under twelve Hundred, *Two Shillings*.
- For every Cask of Sugar of six Hundred Weight and under nine Hundred, *One Shilling and Six-Pence*.
- For every Load of Sugar in smaller Cask, *One Shilling and Four-Pence*.
- For every Hoghead of Tobacco of six Hundred Weight and upwards, and every Load of Rice or Flax-Seed of three Tierces, *One Shilling and Six-Pence*.
- For every Cable, whole Shot, of five Inches circumference to seven Inches, *Five Shillings*.
- For every Cable half Shot, of like Dimensions, *Three Shillings*.
- For every Cable, whole Shot, upwards of seven Inches to ten Inches, *Eight Shillings*.
- For every Cable, half Shot, of like Dimensions, *Four Shillings and Six-Pence*.
- For every Cable, whole Shot, of ten Inches and upwards, *Twelve Shillings*.

For every Cable, half Shot, of like Dimensions, *Six Shillings and Six-Pence.*

For every Load of Cordage of lesser Size, *One Shilling and Six-Pence.*

And that in all Cases where the Distance exceeds Half a Mile and does not exceed Two Miles, the Cart-Man shall be entitled to receive one-third more than the Prices above allowed for every Load of the same Articles for every Half Mile he shall Cart or Transport the same above the Distance of Half a Mile.

Penalty for Ex-
tortion, Embezzle-
ment, &c.

XI. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any Cart-Man shall ask, demand, receive, take, exact or extort any greater Rate or Rates, Price or Prices, for carting any Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Wood, or other Things than are above-mentioned and limited, or shall be guilty of any Embezzlement or Deceit in the Execution of his Duty, he shall, upon Conviction thereof before the Mayor, Recorder, or any One of the Aldermen, be suspended from being a Cart-Man, by the Mayor, if convicted before him, from the Time of such Conviction; and if before the Recorder or any One of the Aldermen, upon the Certificate of the Recorder or such Alderman to the said Mayor, of such Conviction before him to be had; and such Cart-Man shall moreover forfeit and pay the Sum of *Twenty Shillings.*

Sleds under the
same Regulation as
Carts.

XII. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That all licensed Cart-Men, Dray-Men and Water-Carriers, who shall Use any Sled, shall be under the same Regulations and subject to all the Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties, to which Cart-Men are subject and liable by this Law.

A L A W to regulate the LANDING and SALE of HAY within this CITY.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the felling of Hay by the Cart or Waggon Load is deemed to be very unequal; and whereas many Disputes do often arise between the Boat-Men or Owners and the Cart-Men and Purchasers of Hay, as well with respect to the Quality as Quantity of Hay so sold or purchased by them respectively, for remedying whereof in future,

No Hay to be
sold but by Weight.

I. BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That no Person or Persons whomsoever shall from and after the publication hereof import into this City and sell any Hay by the Cart or Waggon Load, or in any other Manner than by Weight, accounting and allowing one Hundred and twelve Pounds to a Hundred Weight, upon Pain of forfeiting the amount of the Price of such Hay so sold by him, her or them; and that no Cart-Man shall Cart, or deliver to any Person or Persons whomsoever any Hay, unless the same shall have been weighed in the Manner herein after directed, on Pain of forfeiting the Sum of *Forty Shillings* for every Offence.

II. AND

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That there shall be such and so many proper and convenient Machines or Engines erected and Scales and Weights provided for weighing Carts, Waggon, Sleds and Hay, at such Place or Places within this City, and at the proper Costs and Charges of such Person or Persons as the Common Council of the said City shall from Time to Time direct and appoint.

Machines for weighing Hay to be erected.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That every Person to be appointed as a Weigh-Master for the weighing of Hay within this City as aforesaid, shall before he enters on the Duties of that Office, take an Oath well and faithfully to execute the said Office according to the best of his Skill and Understanding.

Weigh-Master to take an Oath of Office.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Persons to be appointed as Weigh-Masters of Hay, as aforesaid, in pursuance of this Law, to ask, demand and take from every Cartman or Waggoner, for every Cart or Waggon Load of Hay, so to be weighed at any of the said Machines, the Sum of *Two Shillings* and no more, which said Sum of *Two Shillings* shall be repaid to such Cart-Man or Waggoner; the one half thereof by the seller and the other half by the buyer of such Hay.

Fees for weighing.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That from and after the publication hereof, no Cart-Man or Waggoner shall Cart or carry any Hay brought to this City for sale, unless he shall be licensed for that Purpose by the Mayor, and shall first have taken an Oath well and carefully to inspect all the Hay he shall so Cart or carry, that he may see if it is well and sufficiently cured and dry, under the Penalty of *Forty Shillings* for every Load or Part of a Load he shall Cart or carry without being appointed and qualified as aforesaid: And that no Cart-Man or Waggoner qualified as aforesaid, shall Cart or carry any Hay brought to this City for sale, and pass the same as good and merchantable, but such as shall be *bona fide* well cured and dry, under the Penalty of *Forty Shillings* for every Load or Part of a Load he shall so Cart or carry.

None to Cart Hay but those licensed, and who shall take an Oath to inspect all Hay, &c.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That nothing in this Law contained shall be deemed or taken to prohibit the importation within this City, or the cartage of any Hay which may be damaged or injured, or to prevent the sale thereof, as damaged Hay, by Weight as aforesaid.

Damaged Hay to be sold as such.

VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Cart-Men and Waggoners shall and may Demand and Receive for the loading, weighing and cartage of each Load of Hay of one Thousand Weight and upwards, if unloaded or thrown down in the Street, the Sum of *Four Shillings*, and if by them pitched or put into a Stable, the Sum of *Five Shillings* and no more; and for the loading, weighing and cartage of each Load of Hay under one Thousand Weight, if unloaded or thrown down in the Street, the Sum of *Three Shillings*, and if by them pitched or put into a Stable, the Sum of *Four Shillings* and no more.

Cart-Men's Fees.

VII. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*,
That

Carts to be weighed.

That each Cartman or Waggoner shall, before he shall Cart or carry any Hay, and at least once in every Month after he shall be licensed as aforesaid, apply to one of the Weigh-Masters, to be appointed as aforesaid, to Weigh his Cart, Waggon or Sled. And such Weigh-Master is hereby required to Weigh such Cart, Waggon or Sled, and enter the same in a Book to be kept for that Purpose; and also to furnish such Cart-Man or Waggoner with a Certificate of the Weight of his Cart, Waggon or Sled, *gratis*.

Disputes about the Quality of Hay how to be settled.

VIII. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Dispute shall arise between the Owner or Possessor, or the Inspector and the Purchaser of any Hay, whether the same is or is not well and sufficiently cured and dry, the Mayor, Recorder or any one of the Aldermen of the said City, shall, upon application to him made, issue his Warrant to Three indifferent judicious Persons of Skill and Integrity, One whereof to be named by the Owner or Possessor, or the Inspector of such Hay; the Second to be named by the Purchaser, and the Third to be named by the said Mayor, Recorder or Alderman; which Three Persons shall be duly sworn carefully to View and Examine the said Hay, and make Report thereof to him forthwith; and the said Mayor, Recorder or Alderman, is hereby empowered and required to give Judgment agreeable to the Report of the said Persons so to be named, or of any Two of them; and in Case the said Hay is judged to be unmerchantable, the said Mayor, Recorder or Alderman, shall Award the Owner or Seller, or Inspector of the same Hay, to pay the Costs of the said Trial or Examination; but if such Hay, upon such Examination, shall be found to be well cured, dry and merchantable according to the Directions of this Law, the Charges of such Examination shall in such Case be paid by the Purchaser, or such other Person at whose Request the View and Examination was made.

Hay becoming damaged by Accident may when dried be sold as good.

IX. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Hay which at the Time of the lading or shipping thereof for this City was well cured and dry, and which by Rain or other unavoidable Accident became wet or damaged on Board of the Boat or other Vessel in which the same was laden or shipped, shall be considered as unmerchantable Hay within the meaning of this Law; but the same may be sold, after it is again well dried, in the same Manner as other well cured and dry Hay is directed to be sold.

And whereas for want of proper Places to unload Boats and other Vessels freighted or loaded with Hay, they are often detained and the Hay becomes wet and injured in such Vessels while in this City by means of Rain:

Places to be appointed for the exclusive Purpose of landing Hay.

X. BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That such Piers, Docks and Slips, as the Common Council of the said City shall from Time to Time think proper to direct and appoint, shall be reserved and appropriated for Public Hay Wharfs; and that every Master or Owner of any Ship, or other Vessel whatsoever (not laden with Hay) lying at any of the Piers, Docks or Slips, so to be reserved and appropriated as Hay-Wharfs as aforesaid, shall upon application of the Master or Owner of any Boat or other Vessel whatsoever

ever, then laden with Hay, remove his said Ship or other Vessel from such Pier, Dock or Slip, and give Room to such Boat or other Vessel loaded with Hay as aforesaid, on Pain of forfeiting the Sum of *Three Shillings* for every Hour between Sun-Rise and Sun-Set, he shall so neglect or refuse to remove his said Ship or other Vessel in manner aforesaid.

A L A W to regulate the SALE of FIRE-WOOD in this CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That all Fire-Wood which shall be brought into this City for Sale, as Cord-Wood, shall be in length four Feet including half the Scarf, and that if any Person shall offer for sale any Fire-Wood, as Cord-Wood which shall not be of that Length, such Person shall forfeit the Sum of *Six Shillings* for every Cart-Load.

Length of Fire-Wood.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Cord-Wood shall be landed on any of the Docks or Wharfs, until the same is sold, in Order to be immediately carried away, under the Penalty of *Twenty Shillings* for each Offence.

Not to be landed until sold.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Cord-Wood shall be sold otherwise than according to the following Regulation, that is to say,

The Rungs or Stantions of each Cart or Sled which shall be employed in the carrying of Cord-Wood shall be three Feet eight Inches high from the Floor of the Cart and no higher; and the Breadth of the said Carts between the two foremost Rungs or Stantions shall be two Feet five Inches, and between the two hindmost Rungs or Stantions shall be two Feet nine Inches and no more; in which Space between the said Rungs or Stantions (and even with the top thereof) every Cart-Man who shall Cart any Wood, shall stow as much and as close together, as it can conveniently be put; which Wood so loaded shall be deemed and is hereby declared to be a Quarter of a Cord, and shall and may be bought and sold accordingly.

Construction of Carts, &c. to contain $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Cord.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any Person or Persons shall sell or buy any Cord-Wood contrary to the above Regulation (refuse Wood herein after-mentioned only excepted) or if any Cart-Man shall Cart any Cord-Wood brought to this City for Sale, but in Carts or Sleds made and constructed as by this Law is directed, and loaded as is above-mentioned, he or they so offending therein, shall for every Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*.

And to prevent, as much as possible, any Alteration in the Measure of the Wood from the wearing of the Rungs or Stantions of the Carts,

V. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Rungs or Stantions of each Cart that shall carry Wood shall be shouldered with a Band of Iron round the Part which enters

Rungs to be secured.

the Mortis, and the Mortis cased with Iron to preserve them and keep the Rungs and Stantions from giving way; and that at no less than three Feet Distance from the Floor of the Carts, there shall be an Iron Chain fixed across the Carts to the Rungs or Stantions, to prevent their spreading wider than the space herein before-mentioned.

And that every Cart-Man who shall Cart any Cord-Wood for Sale in any Cart not provided and secured in the Manner hereby directed, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Ten Shillings* for every Load he shall so Cart.

No crooked
Wood to be stowed
with straight.

VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That no crooked Wood shall be stowed in any Cart or Sled constructed in Manner aforesaid, with other Wood, but the same may be sold and disposed of as Refuse Wood, not subject to the above Regulation; and if any Cart-Man who shall Cart Cord-Wood, shall put or suffer to be put into his Cart any such crooked Wood as will prevent his Cart from containing a Quarter of a Cord between the Rungs or Stantions thereof, he shall for every Offence forfeit the Sum of *Six Shillings*.

And for the better carrying into Execution the above Regulation:

Inspectors to in-
spect each Load.

VII. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That in addition to those already appointed and Sworn, there shall be such and so many Persons appointed as the Common Council shall from Time to Time think proper to appoint, to inspect the loading of all Fire-Wood which shall be brought to this City for Sale, to see that the same be of the proper Length and loaded as aforesaid; that the said Inspectors shall be duly Sworn to execute their Offices with Fidelity and Impartiality; then their respective Judgments shall be conclusive: which said Inspectors shall have for their Trouble for each Cord by them inspected, sixteen Coppers, and in the same Proportion for a greater or less Quantity; the one Half to be paid by the Buyer and the other Half by the Seller of such Wood.

Inspectors Fees.

And for the better collecting of the said Fees:

How the Inspect-
ors Fees are to be
paid.

VIII. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Boat-Man, or other seller of the Wood, shall be accountable to the Inspectors for their whole Fees of Inspection, and shall recover one Half thereof from the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof; and that if any Cart-Man shall Cart any such Cord-Wood, before the same shall be duly inspected as aforesaid, he shall for every Offence forfeit the Sum of *Four Shillings*.

In Case of In-
spectors Sickness,
how provided for.

IX. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Inspector shall by Sickness or otherwise, be prevented from attending the Duties of his Office, that in such Case the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or in his Absence the Recorder, shall appoint one other fit Person in his stead, during the Sickness or Absence of such Inspector.

No Cart-Man to
purchase Fire Wood
(except for the Use
of his own Family.)

X. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Cart-Man or Cart-Men, or any other Person or Persons, on Account or in Behalf of such Cart-Man or Cart-Men, shall purchase any Fire-Wood, which shall be brought to this City for Sale, except for the only Use of such Cart-Man or Cart-men, or his or their respective Family or Families; and further that no Cart-Man or Cart-
Men

Men shall sell or expose to Sale any Fire-Wood which shall be brought or sent to this City for Sale, as Agent or Agents for or on Account of any Person or Persons, under the Penalty of *Ten Shillings* for every Cart-Load of Fire-Wood purchased or sold contrary to this Law

Nor to sell any Wood.

A L A W to prevent ABUSES in the SALE of BUILDING-STONE.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same, That all Building-Stone brought to this City for Sale, shall be subject to the following Regulations, that is to say, That every Cart-Load of Building-Stone shall contain in Quantity Ten Hundred Weight; And that each Load shall be Inspected by such Person or Persons, as the Common Council of the said City, shall from Time to Time for that Purpose appoint; That the said Inspectors shall respectively be entitled to demand and receive for their Service, the Sum of *Two Coppers* for each Load; the one Half to be paid by the Buyer, and the other Half by the Seller. And if any Cart-Man shall Cart any such Stone, the same not having been duly inspected as aforesaid, he shall Forfeit and Pay the Sum of *Ten Shillings* for every Load.

A Load to contain 10 Cwt.

And to be inspected.

Inspectors Fees,

A L A W to regulate the PAY of PUBLIC MEASURERS within this CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the Public Measurers within this City, to demand and receive for their Services, the Sums of Money following, (the one Half to be paid by the Seller, and the other Half by the Buyer) that is to say, For Measuring of Boards, Plank and Timber at and after the Rate of *Two Shillings* for every Hundred Feet of solid Measure, and *Four Shillings* for every Thousand Feet of superficial Measure. For Measuring of all Wheat, Rye, Indian-Corn, or other Grain, at and after the Rate of *Five Shillings* for every Hundred Bushels. For Measuring of all Lime, at and after the Rate of *One Shilling* for every Load of Twelve Bushels. For Measuring of all Salt, at and after the Rate of *Five Shillings* for every Hundred Bushels of Water Measure. For Measuring of all Sea Coal, at and after the Rate of *Four Shillings* per Chaldron.

Fees for measuring.

Plank & Timber.

Grain.

Lime.

Salt.

Sea Coal.

A L A W to regulate the LYING of VESSELS in the Docks and Slips of this CITY, and to ascertain the RATES of WHARFAGE.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Publication hereof, every Master, Owner or Possessor of any Sloop,

Vessels who pay
Wharfage by the
Year.

Sloop, Schooner, Boat, or other Vessel or small Craft whatsoever, shall, upon his or their first coming to lie at any of the Docks, Wharves, Piers, Keys or Slips, belonging to the Corporation of this City, with any such Sloop, Schooner, Boat, or other Vessel or small Craft, immediately Pay to the Dock-Master, or to the Person or Persons appointed or to be appointed by the Corporation to act as such, at and after the several Rates following, that is to say, For every Sloop, Schooner, Boat, or other Vessel or small Craft belonging to this City, or other Parts of the State of New-York, or to any Part of New-Jersey or Connecticut, (except such Sea Vessels as are not properly deemed Coasters, belonging to those States) being of the Burthen of five Tons, or under, *Eight Shillings* for or by the Year, and for every Sloop, Schooner, Boat or other Vessel aforesaid, being above the Burthen of five Tons, at and after the Rate of *One Shilling and Four Pence* for every Ton of their respective Burthens, by or for the Year.

Vessels who pay
by the Ton and by
the Month.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Master, Owner or Possessor of any Trading or Coasting Vessel whatsoever, belonging to or owned by any Person or Persons Citizens of this State, or of any other of the United States, shall, upon his or their first coming to or within any of the Docks, Wharves, Piers, Keys, or Slips aforesaid, pay to the Dock-Master, or Person or Persons appointed or to be appointed to act as such as aforesaid, for every Voyage in which they shall come to or lie at any such Docks, Wharves, Piers, Keys or Slips aforesaid, not longer than one Month, after the Rates following, that is to say, For every Vessel of ten Tons Burthen or under, *Six Shillings*; from ten to twenty Tons, *Twelve Shillings*; from twenty to thirty Tons, *Twenty Shillings*; from thirty to forty Tons, *Thirty Shillings*; from forty to fifty Tons, *Forty Shillings*; from fifty to sixty Tons, *Forty-Five Shillings*; and for any longer Time in Proportion to the above Rates by the Month: And for all Vessels of the Burthen of sixty Tons and upwards, at and after the Rates prescribed with Respect to the Wharves which are private Property, by an Act of the Legislature of this State, entitled, "An Act to establish the Rates of Wharfage and Cranage within the City of New-York," passed the seventeenth Day of April, 1784.

No Vessel to lie
longer in a Slip, &c.
than is necessary for
lading & unlading.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Sloop, Schooner, Boat or other Vessel or small Craft whatsoever, shall lie in any of the aforesaid Slips a longer Time than for the convenient Lading and Unlading, nor shall lie in the Entrance of any of the aforesaid Slips at any Time, so as to shut up the same, or prevent any other Sloop, Schooner, Boat, or other Vessel or small Craft from coming into or going out of the same, under the Penalty of *Twenty Shillings* for every Tide.

No Vessel to ca-
reen at a Corpora-
tion Wharf.

Nor keep Fire on
Board at Night.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Person or Persons shall Careen any Sloop, Schooner, Boat, or other Vessel whatsoever, at or within any of the Docks, Wharves, Piers, Keys, or Slips belonging to the Corporation; And that no Fire shall be made or kept on Board of any Vessel whatsoever, lying at or within the same, or at any other Dock, Wharf, Pier, or Key,
within

within the same, or at any other Dock, Wharf, Pier, or Key within the Bounds of this City, at any other Time than from Day Light in the Morning till eight o'Clock at Night, under the Penalty of *Twenty Shillings* for every Offence, to be paid by the Master, Owner, or Possessor of such Vessel.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Person or Persons do cast any Anchor, Grapling or *Killick*, into or near any of the Docks, Wharves, Piers, Keys or Slips of this City, the Person or Persons so offending, shall, for every Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of *Ten Shillings*; And if any Person or Persons shall take away any Stones, Earth, Timber or Ballast from, or throw the same, or any Oyster-Shells, Ashes, or other Dirt whatsoever, into, or keep any Masts, Yards, Spars, or other Kind of Timber, within any of the Docks, Wharves, Piers, Keys or Slips aforesaid, every such Person shall, for each Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*.

Anchors, &c. not to be cast into the Slips, &c.

Not Ballast, &c. to be taken from the Wharves.

Not Timber or Filth, &c. kept on the Wharf, &c.

VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Sloop, Boat or other Vessel whatsoever, (except small Craft, such as Ferry-Boats, Market-Boats, Pettiaugers and Canoes) shall come within the Slip, at the End of the Common Sewer which leads under the Fly-Market, and empties itself into the East-River, under the Penalty of *Forty Shillings* for every Tide they shall lie within the same.

None but Market Canoes to lie in Fly-Market Slip.

VII. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Vessel whatsoever, except such as are herein before permitted, shall come into, or lie at or within any of the Docks, Wharves, Piers, Keys or Slips belonging to the said Corporation, under the Penalty of *Twenty Shillings* for every Twenty-four Hours, to be paid by the Master, Owner, or Possessor thereof.

No Vessels but those above described, to lie at any of the Corporation Wharfs &c.

VIII. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That in Order to prevent Disputes between Persons using the said Docks, Wharves, Piers, Keys and Slips, it shall and may be lawful for the Dock-Master, or Person or Persons appointed or to be appointed by the Corporation to act as such, or for the Mayor, Recorder or any one of the Aldermen of the said City, in Person, to give such Orders and Directions from Time to Time, touching the Laying, Fastening and Births of all Sloops, Boats or other Vessels whatsoever, as they shall think just and proper, and that every Person refusing to comply with such Orders and Directions, shall, for every Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*.

Direction of the Dock-Master.

IX. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, *by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall be the Duty of the Dock-Master, or Person or Persons appointed or to be appointed as such as aforesaid, to see this Law, and the several Matters therein mentioned, kept, observed and duly put in Execution;

And his Duty;

A L A W *directing the Mode of Recovery and Appropriation of the Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures, imposed by the Laws of the Corporation of this City.*

All Fines, &c. recoverable before the Mayor, &c.

in lawful Money of the State with Costs.

And if otherwise appropriated, to be paid one Half to the Use of the Poor and the other to the Prosecutor.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That all the Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures, imposed in and by any of the Laws of this Corporation, shall and may be recovered before the Mayor, Recorder, or any one of the Aldermen of the said City, in Lawful Money of the State of New-York, with Costs of Suit, by any Person or Persons who shall sue and prosecute for the same to Effect; And the one Half of the said Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures, not in and by any of the said Laws otherwise appropriated, shall, when recovered, be paid to the Treasurer or Chamberlain of the said City, for the Use of the Poor thereof, and the other Half thereof to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same as aforesaid.



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G E O R G E The Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these Present Letters shall come, GREETING.

WHEREAS on the Twenty-second Day of *April*, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Six, THOMAS DONGAN, then Lieutenant-Governor and Vice-Admiral of *New-York*, and its Dependencies, under our Predecessor JAMES (the Second) then King of *England*, &c. did make and execute a certain Grant or Instrument in Writing, under the Seal of the Province of *New-York*, in these Words following,

THOMAS DONGAN, Lieutenant-Governor and Vice-Admiral of *New-York*, and its Dependencies, under His Majesty JAMES (the Second) by the Grace of GOD, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, Supreme Lord and Proprietor of the Colony and Province of *New-York*, and its Dependencies in *America*, &c. To all to whom this shall come, sendeth Greeting : WHEREAS the City of *New-York*, is an ancient City within the said Province, and the Citizens of the said City, have anciently been a Body politick and corporate ; and the Citizens of the said City have held, used, and enjoyed, as well within the same, as elsewhere in the said Province, divers and sundry Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Free-Customs, Preheminences, Advantages, Jurisdictions, Emoluments, and Immunities, as well by Prescription as by Charter, Letters Patents, Grants and Confirmations, not only of divers Governors and Commanders in Chief, in the said Province, but also of several Governors, Directors, Generals, and Commanders in Chief of the *Nether Dutch Nation*, whilst the same was, or has been, under their Power and Subjection. AND WHEREAS divers Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Jurisdictions, Liberties, Immunities, and Privileges, have heretofore been given and granted, or mentioned to be given and granted to the Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City, sometimes by the Name of *Schout*, *Burgo Masters*, and *Scepens of the City of New-Amsterdam* ; and sometimes by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York* ; sometimes by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriff of the City of New-York* ; sometimes by the Name of, *The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of New-York* ; and by diverse other Names, as by their several Letters Patents, Charters, Grants, Writings, Records and Writings, amongst other Things may more fully appear. AND WHEREAS the Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City have erected, built and appropriated, at their

J. Montgonerie,
Governor.
1730.

Recital of the old
Charter by Gov.
Dongan of April 22,
1686.

In hac Verba.

Recital that the
City of *New-York* is
an ancient City, and
the Citizens anciently
a Body politick and
corporate.

And enjoyed sundry
Franchises, &c.
By Charters, Grants,
Prescription, &c.

Recital of Grants
of sundry Lands and
Tenements to the
Corporation.

By sundry and different
Names and
Titles.

Sundry public Buildings
and Conveniences made by the City,
as

OWN

The City-Hall, Two
Market-Houses,
Bridge, Docks and
Wharfs.

Ferry established.

Grants of several
Messuages, Lands,
and Tenements to the
Inhabitants by former
Governors.

Grant to the Cor-
poration of all their
former Rights and
Privileges.

Provided they be
not repugnant to the
Laws of England, or
any Acts of Assembly.
Grant of the City-
Hall.

Two Market Houses,
Bridge, Docks, new
Burial Place, & Ferry.

With all Profits ar-
ising therefrom.

And all Streets,
Lanes, Alleys and
Highways.

Power to the Corpo-
ration to lay out and
amend Streets.

own proper Costs and Charges, several public Buildings, Accommodations and Conveniencies for the said City, *that is to say*, The City-Hall, or State-House, with the Ground thereunto belonging, two Market-Houses, the Bridge into the Dock, the Wharfs or Dock, with their Appurtenances; and the new Burial Place without the Gate of the City; and have established and settled one Ferry from the said City of *New-York* to *Long-Island*, for the Accommodation and Conveniency of Passengers, the said Citizens, and Travel-
lers.

AND WHEREAS several of the Inhabitants of the said City and of *Manhattan's Island*, do hold from and under His most Sacred Majesty respectively, as well by several and respective Letters Patents, Grants, Charters and Conveyances, made and granted by the late Lieutenants, Governors, or Commanders in Chief of the said Province, as otherwise, several and respective Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments upon *Manhattan's Island*, and in the City of *New-York* aforesaid, and that as well the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, and their Successors, as also the Inhabitants of the said *Manhattan's Island*, and City of *New-York* aforesaid, and their Heirs and Assigns respectively, may hold, exercise and enjoy, not only such and the same Liberties, Privileges and Franchises, Rights, Royalties, Free-Customs, Jurisdictions and Immunities, as they have anciently had, used, held and enjoyed; but also such public Buildings, Accommodations, Conveniencies, Messuages, Tenements, Lands and Hereditaments in the said City of *New-York*, and upon *Manhattan's Island* aforesaid, which, as aforesaid, have been by the Citizens and Inhabitants erected and built, or which have, as aforesaid, been held, enjoyed, granted and conveyed unto them, or any of them respectively.

KNOW ye therefore, That I the said THOMAS DONGAN, by Virtue of the Commission and Authority unto me given, and Power in me residing, at the humble Petition of the now Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and for divers other good Causes and Considerations me thereunto moving, Have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs, Successors and Assigns, do give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, all and every such and the same Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Rights, Royalties, Free-Customs, Jurisdictions and Immunities, which they by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty*, or otherwise have anciently had, held, used or enjoyed. *Provided always*, That none of the said Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Rights, Free-Customs, Jurisdictions, or Immunities, be inconsistent with, or repugnant to, the Laws of His Majesty's Kingdom of *England*, or any other the Laws of the General Assembly of this Province; and the aforesaid public Buildings, Accommodations and Conveniencies in the said City, *that is to say*, the aforesaid City-Hall, or State-House, with the Ground thereunto belonging, two Market-Houses, the Bridge into the Dock, the Wharfs or Dock, the said new Burial Place, and the afore-mentioned Ferry, with their and every of their Rights, Members and Appurtenances, together with all the Profits, Benefits and Advantages which shall or may accrue and arise at all Times hereafter, for Dockage or Wharfage, within the said Dock, with all and singular the Rents, Issues, Profits, Gains and Advantages, which shall or may arise, grow, or accrue, by the said City-Hall, or State-House, and Ground thereunto belonging, Market-Houses, Bridge, Dock, Burying-Place, Ferry, and other the above mentioned Premises, or any of them; and also all and every the Streets, Lanes, Highways, and Alleys within the said City of *New-York*, and *Manhattan's Island* aforesaid, for the public Use and Service of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, and of the Inhabitants of *Manhattan's Island* aforesaid, and Travellers there; together with full Power, Licence and Authority to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, and their Successors forever, to establish, appoint, order and direct the Establishing, Making, Laying out, Ordering, Amending and Repairing

Repairing of all Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Highways, Water-Courses, Ferry, and Bridges in and throughout the said City of *New-York*, and *Manhatan's Island* aforesaid, necessary, needful and convenient for the Inhabitants of the said City, and *Manhatan's Island* aforesaid, and for all Travellers and Passengers there: *Provided always*, That this said Licence, so as above granted, for the establishing, making and laying out of Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Highways, Ferry, and Bridges, be not extended, or be construed to extend, to the taking away of any Person or Person's Right or Property, without his, her or their Consent, or by some known Law of the said Province. AND for the Considerations aforesaid, I do likewise give, grant, ratify and confirm unto all and every the respective Inhabitants of the said City of *New-York*, and of *Manhatan's Island* aforesaid, and their several and respective Heirs and Assigns, all and every the several and respective Messuages, Tenements, Lands and Hereditaments, situate, lying and being in the said City, and *Manhatan's Island* aforesaid, to them severally and respectively granted, conveyed and confirmed by any the late Governors, Lieutenants, or Commanders in Chief of the said Province, or by any of the former Mayors, or Deputy Mayors and Aldermen of the said City of *New-York*, by Deed, Grant, Conveyance, or otherwise howsoever; To HOLD to their several and respective Heirs and Assigns forever.

AND I do by these Presents, give and grant unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, all the waste, vacant, unpatented and unappropriated Lands, lying and being within the said City of *New-York*, and on *Manhatan's Island* aforesaid, extending and reaching to the Low-Water Mark, in, by, and through all Parts of the said City of *New-York*, and *Manhatan's Island* aforesaid; together with all Rivers, Rivulets, Coves, Creeks, Ponds, Waters and Water-Courses, in the said City and Island, or either of them, not heretofore given or granted, by any of the former Governors, Lieutenants, or Commanders in Chief, under their, or some of their Hands and Seals, or Seal of the Province, or by any of the former Mayors, or Deputy Mayors and Aldermen of the said City of *New-York*, to some respective Person or Persons, late Inhabitants of the said City of *New-York*, or *Manhatan's Island*, or of other Parts of the said Province.

AND I do by these Presents, give, grant and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, the Royalties of Fishing, Fowling, Hunting, Hawking, Minerals and other Royalties and Privileges, belonging or appertaining to the City of *New-York*, and *Manhatan's Island* aforesaid (Gold and Silver Mines only excepted) to have, hold and enjoy all and singular the Premises, to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, RENDERING and paying therefore unto His most Sacred Majesty, his Heirs, Successors or Assigns, or to such Officer or Officers, as shall be appointed to receive the same, yearly, forever hereafter, the annual Quit-Rent or Acknowledgement of one Beaver Skin, of the Value thereof in current Money of this Province, in the said City of *New-York*, on the Five and Twentieth Day of *March*, yearly forever.

AND moreover, I will, and by these Presents do grant, appoint and declare, that the said City of *New-York*, and the Compass, Precincts and Limits thereof, and the Jurisdiction of the same, shall from henceforth extend and reach itself, and may and shall be able to reach forth and extend itself, as well in Length and in Breadth as in Circuit, to the furthest Extent of, and in, and throughout all the said Island *Manhatan's*, and in and upon all the Rivers, Rivulets, Coves, Creeks, Waters and Water-Courses belonging to the same Island, as far as Low-Water Mark. And I do also, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, firmly enjoin and command, that the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City aforesaid, and their Successors, shall and may freely and quietly have, hold, use and enjoy the aforesaid Liberties, Authorities, Jurisdictions, Franchises, Rights, Royalties, Privileges, Exemptions, Lands, Tenements, Heredita-

Power of laying out Streets not to extend to the taking away any Person's Right.

Grants to the Inhabitants of their former Houses, Lands and Tenements.

Grant to the Corporation of all waste and vacated Lands on *Manhatan's Island*.

Extending to Low-Water Mark.

Royalties of Fishing, Fowling, Hunting, Mines, &c.

Except Gold and Silver Mines.

To hold to the said Corporation & their Successors forever. Under the yearly Quit-Rent of one Beaver Skin.

Jurisdiction of the City to extend to Low Water Mark, all round the Island *Manhatan's*.

The Corporation quietly to enjoy all their Liberties.

ments, and Premises aforesaid, in Manner and Form aforesaid, according to the Tenor and Effect of the aforesaid Grants, Patents, Customs, and Letters Patents of Grant and Confirmation, without the Let, Hindrance or Impediment of Me, or any of my Successors, Governors, Lieutenants, or other Officers whatsoever.

A Mayor, Recorder, Town Clerk, six Aldermen, and six Assistants,

Chamberlain, Coroner, Clerk of the Market, Sheriff, High Constable, seven Sub-Constables, and one Marshal, to be chosen & appointed.

AND also, I do, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, grant to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors, by these Presents, That for the better Government of the said City, Liberties and Precincts thereof, there shall be forever hereafter within the said City, a Mayor and Recorder, Town-Clerk, and six Aldermen, and six Assistants, to be appointed, nominated, elected, chosen and sworn, as herein after is particularly and respectively mentioned, who shall be forever hereafter called, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*; and that there shall be forever, one Chamberlain or Treasurer, one Sheriff, one Coroner, one Clerk of the Market, one High Constable, seven Sub-Constables, and one Marshal or Serjeant at Mace, to be appointed, chosen and sworn in Manner herein after mentioned.

Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants made a Body corporate and politic.

And to have perpetual Succession, by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty*, and capable to purchase, sell and demise Lands and Chattels by that Name.

To sue, plead and be impleaded.

In all Actions.

Corporation to have a common Seal for all their Affairs.

With Power to break and alter it.

AND I do, by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs, Successors and Assigns, declare, constitute, grant and appoint, that the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the said City of *New-York*, for the Time being, and they which hereafter shall be the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen and Assistants of the said City of *New-York*, for the Time being, and their Successors, forever hereafter, be, and shall be, by Force of these Presents, one Body corporate and politic, in Deed, Fact and Name, by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*; and them by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, one Body corporate and politic, in Deed, Fact and Name, I DO really and fully create, ordain, make, constitute and confirm by these Presents; and that, by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, they may have perpetual Succession; and that they, and their Successors, forever, by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, be, and shall be, forever hereafter, Persons able, and in Law capable, to have, get, receive, and possess Lands, Tenements, Rents, Liberties, Jurisdictions, Franchises and Hereditaments to them and their Successors, in Fee-Simple, or for term of Life, Lives or Years, or otherwise; and also Goods and Chattels; and also other Things, of what Nature, Kind or Quality soever; and also to give, grant, let, set, and assign the same Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels; and to do and execute all other Things about the same by the Name aforesaid. And also, that they be, and forever shall be hereafter, Persons able in Law, capable to plead, and be impleaded, answer, and be answered unto, defend, and be defended, in all or any the Courts of his said Majesty, and other Places whatsoever, and before any Judges, Justices, and other Person or Persons whatsoever, in all and all Manner of Actions, Suits, Complaints, Demands, Pleas, Causes and Matters whatsoever, of what Nature, Kind, or Quality soever, in the same, and in the like Manner and Form as other People of the said Province, being Persons able and in Law capable, may plead, and be impleaded, answer, and be answered unto, defend, and be defended, by any lawful Ways and Means whatsoever; and that the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors, shall and may forever hereafter, have one common Seal to serve for the Sealing of all and singular their Affairs and Businesses touching or concerning the said Corporation. And it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors, as they shall see Cause to break, change, alter and new-make their said common Seal, when, and as often as to them it shall seem convenient.

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AND further, know ye, That I have assigned, named, ordained and constituted, and by these Presents, do assign, name, ordain and constitute NICHOLAS BAYARD, now Mayor of the said City of *New-York*, to be present Mayor of the said City; and that the said NICHOLAS BAYARD, shall remain and continue in the Office of Mayor there, until another fit Person shall be appointed and sworn in the said Office, according to the Usage and Custom of the said City; and as in and by these Presents is hereafter mentioned and directed. AND I have assigned, named, ordained and constituted, and, by these Presents, do assign, name, ordain and constitute, create and declare *James Graham*, Esq. to be the present Recorder of the said City; to do and execute all Things, which unto the Office of Recorder of the said City doth, or may in any Wise appertain or belong. AND I have assigned, named, ordained and constituted, and by these Presents, do assign, name, ordain, constitute, create and declare *John West*, Esq. Town Clerk of the said City; to do and execute all Things which unto the Office of Town Clerk may any Wise appertain or belong. And I have named, assigned, constituted and made, and by these Presents, do assign, name, constitute and make *Andrew Bown*, *John Robinson*, *William Beekman*, *John Delaval*, *Abraham De Peyser*, and *Johannes Kip*, Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City of *New-York*, to be the present Aldermen of the said City. And also, I have made, assigned, named and constituted, and by these Presents, do assign, name, constitute and make *Nicholas De Myer*, *Johannes Van Brugh*, *John De Brown*, *Tunis De Key*, *Abraham Corbit*, and *Wolfert Webber*, Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City, to be the present Assistants of the said City. And also, I have assigned, chosen, named and constituted, and by these Presents, do assign, choose, name and constitute *Peter De Lanoy*, Citizen and Inhabitant of the said City, to be the present Chamberlain, or Treasurer of the City aforesaid. And I have assigned, named, constituted and appointed, and by these Presents, do assign, name, constitute and appoint *John Knight*, Esq. one other of the said Citizens there, to be present Sheriff of the said City. And have assigned, named, constituted and appointed, and by these Presents, do assign, name, constitute and appoint *Jarvis Marshall*, one other of the said Citizens there, to be the present Marshal of the said City. And I do by these Presents, grant to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors, That the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the said City, for the Time being, or the Mayor, Recorder, and any three or more of the Aldermen, and any three or more of the Assistants, for the Time being, be, and shall be called, *The Common Council* of the said City; and that they, or the greater Part of them, shall or may have full Power and Authority, by Virtue of these Presents, from Time to Time, to call and hold Common Council, within the Common Council-House, or City-Hall of the said City; and there, as Occasion shall be, to make Laws, Orders, Ordinances, and Constitutions, in Writing; and to add, alter, diminish, or reform them, from Time to Time, as to them shall seem necessary and convenient (not repugnant to the Prerogative of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, or to any of the Laws of the Kingdom of *England*, or other the Laws of the General Assembly of the Province of *New-York*) for the good Rule, Oversight, Correction and Government of the said City, and Liberties of the same, and of all the Officers thereof, and for the several Tradesmen, Victuallers, Artificers, and of all other the People and Inhabitants of the said City, Liberties and Precincts aforesaid, and for the better Preservation of Government, and Disposal of all the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels of the said Corporation: Which Laws, Orders, Ordinances and Constitutions, shall be binding to all the Inhabitants of the said City, Liberties and Precincts aforesaid; and which Laws, Orders, Ordinances and Constitutions, so by them made as aforesaid, shall be and remain in Force, for the Space of three Months, and no longer, unless they shall be allowed of, and confirmed, by the Governor and Council for the Time being. AND I DO further on the Behalf of His Sacred Ma-

Mayor named.

Recorder named.

Town Clerk named.

Aldermen named.

Assistants.

Chamberlain.

Sheriff.

Marshal.

Mayor, Recorder and three or more of the Aldermen and Assistants, to be a Common Council.

With Power to make Laws, and alter or repeal them. So that such Laws be not repugnant to the King's Prerogative, the Laws of England, or Acts of Assembly of *New-York*.

Which Laws to be in Force only for three Months unless confirmed by the Governor and Council.

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Discretionary
Fines to be laid for
the Non-observance
of such Laws.

To be levied by
Distress and Sale.

Mayor and Sheriff
to be appointed yearly
on the Feast of St.
Michael, by the Governor
and Council.

And to take their
Oaths before the Governor
and Council.

Recorder, Town
Clerk, and Clerk of
the Market, to be
appointed by his Majesty,
and in Defect
thereof by the Governor
or Commander
in Chief.

Recorder, Town
Clerk, Clerk of the
Market, Aldermen,
Assistants, Chamberlain,
High-Constables, &c. to be sworn
before the Mayor, or
any three or more of
the Aldermen.

Who are impowered
to administer the
same Oaths.

Mayor & Recorder
with three or more
Aldermen assigned
Justices of the Peace,
to hear and determine
all Causes within the
City.

jefty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, appoint and grant, that the said Common Council of the said City, for the Time being, as often as they make, ordain and establish such Laws, Orders, Ordinances and Constitutions as aforesaid, shall or may make, ordain, limit, provide, set, impose and tax reasonable Fines and Amerciaments against, and upon all Persons offending against such Laws, Orders, Ordinances and Constitutions as aforesaid, or any of them, to be made, ordained and established as aforesaid, and the same Fines and Amerciaments shall and may require, demand, levy, take and receive, by Warrants under the common Seal, to and for the Use and Behoof of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, and their Successors, either by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender therein, if such Goods and Chattels may be found within the said City, Liberties and Precincts thereof, rendering to such Offender and Offenders the Overplus, or by any other lawful Ways or Means whatsoever.

AND I DO, by these Presents, appoint and ordain the Assigning, Naming and Appointment of the Mayor and Sheriff of the said City, that it shall be as followeth, (*viz.*) Upon the Feast Day of St. *Michael* the Arch-Angel, yearly, the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, by and with the Advice of his Council, shall nominate and appoint such Person as he shall think fit to be Mayor of the said City, for the Year next ensuing; and one other Person of sufficient Ability and Estate, and of good Capacity in Understanding, to be Sheriff of the said City of *New-York*, for the Year ensuing; and that such Person as shall be named, assigned and appointed Mayor, and such Person as shall be named, assigned and appointed Sheriff of the said City as aforesaid, shall on the fourteenth Day of *October* then next following, take their several and respective corporal Oaths, before the Governor and Council, for the Time being, for the due Execution of their respective Offices, as aforesaid; and that the said Mayor and Sheriff, so to be nominated, assigned and appointed as aforesaid, shall remain and continue in their said respective Offices, until another fit Person shall be nominated, appointed and sworn in the Place of Mayor; and one other Person shall be nominated and appointed in the Place of Sheriff of the said City, in Manner aforesaid. *And further*, That, according to the now Usage and Custom of the said City, the Recorder, Town Clerk, and Clerk of the Market of the said City, shall be Persons of good Capacity and Understanding, and such Persons as His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, shall, in the said respective Offices of Recorder, Town Clerk, and Clerk of the Market, appoint and commissionate; and for Defect of such Appointments, and commissionating, by His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, to be such Persons as the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province for the Time being, shall appoint and commissionate; which Persons so commissioned to the said Offices of Recorder, Town Clerk, and Clerk of the Market, shall have, hold and enjoy the said Offices, according to the Tenor and Effect of their said Commissions, and not otherwise. *And further*, that the Recorder, Town Clerk, Clerk of the Market, Aldermen, Assistants, Chamberlain, High-Constables, Petty-Constables, and all other Officers of the said City, before they, or any of them shall be admitted to enter upon and execute their respective Offices, shall be sworn faithfully to execute the same, before the Mayor, or any three or more of the Aldermen, for the Time being. AND I DO, by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, grant and give Power and Authority to the Mayor and Recorder of the said City, for the Time being, to administer the same respective Oaths to them accordingly. *And further*, I do by these Presents, grant, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, that the Mayor and Recorder of the said City, for the Time being, and three or more of the Aldermen of the said City, not exceeding five, shall be Justices and Keepers of the Peace of His most Sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and Justices to hear and determine Matters and Causes within the said City and Liberties, and Precincts

Precincts thereof; and that they, or any three or more of them, whereof the Mayor and Recorder, or one of them, for the Time being, to be there, shall and may forever hereafter, have Power and Authority, by Virtue of these Presents, to hear and determine all and all Manner of Petty Larcenies, Riots, Routs, Oppressions, Extortions, and other Trespasses and Offences whatsoever, within the said City of *New-York*, and the Liberties and Precincts aforesaid, from Time to Time, arising and happening, and which arise or happen and any Ways belong to the Offices of Justices of the Peace, and the Correction and Punishment of the Offences aforesaid, and every of them, according to the Laws of *England*, and the Laws of the said Province; and to do and execute all other Things in the said City, Liberties and Precincts aforesaid, so fully and in ample Manner, as to the Commissioners assigned, and to be assigned for the keeping of the Peace in the said County of *New-York*, doth or may belong.

As Larcenies, Riots, Routs, &c.

AND moreover, I do by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, appoint, that the Aldermen, Assistants, High-Constable, and Petty-Constables within the said City, be yearly chosen on the Feast Day of Saint *Michael* the Arch-Angel, forever, (*viz.*) One Alderman, one Assistant, and one Constable for each respective Ward, and one Constable for each Division in the Out Ward, in such public Place in the said respective Wards, as the Aldermen, for the Time being, for each Ward shall direct and appoint; and that the Aldermen, Assistants, and Petty-Constables be chosen, by Majority of Voices of the Inhabitants of each respective Ward; and that the High-Constable be appointed by the Mayor of the said City for the Time being; and that the Chamberlain shall be yearly chosen, on the said Feast Day, in the said City-Hall of the said City, by the Mayor and Aldermen, and Assistants, or by the Mayor, or three or more of the Aldermen, and three or more of the Assistants of the said City, for the Time being. And I do by these Presents, constitute and appoint the said *John West*, to be the present Town-Clerk, Clerk of the Peace, and Clerk of the Court of Pleas, to be holden before the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen within the said City, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof. And further, I do by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, require and strictly charge and command, that the Sheriff, Town-Clerk, Clerk of the Peace, High-Constable, Petty-Constable, and all other subordinate Officers in the said City, for the Time being, and every of them respectively, jointly and severally as Cause shall require, shall attend upon the said Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, and every or any of them, according to the Duty of their respective Places, in and about the executing of such the Commands, Precepts, Warrants, and Processess of them and every of them, as belongeth and appertaineth to be done or executed; and that the aforesaid Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, and every of them, as Justices of the Peace, for the Time being, by their or any of their Warrants, all and every Person and Persons, for High Treason or Petty Treason, or for Suspicion thereof, or for other Felonies whatsoever, and all Malefactors and Disturbers of the Peace, and other Offenders for other Misdemeanors, who shall be apprehended within the said City, or Liberties thereof, shall and may send and commit, or cause to be sent and committed, to the common Gaol of the said City, there to remain and be kept in safe Custody, by the Keeper of the said Gaol or his Deputy, for the Time being, until such Offender and Offenders shall be lawfully delivered thence. And I do by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, charge and require the Keeper and Keepers of the said Gaol for the Time being, and his and their Deputy and Deputies, to receive, take, and in safe Custody to keep, all and singular such Person and Persons so apprehended, or to be apprehended, sent and committed to the said Gaol, by Warrant of the said Justices, or any of them as aforesaid, until he and they so sent and committed to the said Gaol, shall from thence be delivered by due Course of Law.

Aldermen, Assistants, high Constable and petty Constables to be chosen yearly, on the Feast Day of St. *Michael*.

Aldermen, Assistants, and petty Constables, to be chosen by Majority of Voices. Mayor to appoint high Constable.

Chamberlain to be chosen by the Mayor, Aldermen and Assistants.

Town Clerk, Clerk of the Peace and Pleas named.

Sheriff, Town-Clerk, high Constable, petty Constables, and all other subordinate Officers to attend on the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen to execute their Commands.

Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen may commit any Persons for Misdemeanors.

Gaoler to take Malefactors into Custody.

And there keep them till delivered by Course of Law.

Mayor to grant Licences to Tavern-Keepers.

AND *further*, I do grant and confirm, for and on Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty afore said, his Heirs and Successors, that the said Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, and no other (according to the Usage and Custom practised in the said City of *New-York*, in the Times of my Predecessors, the several Lieutenants, Governors, and Commanders in Chief of this Province) shall have Power and Authority to give and grant Licences annually, under the public Seal of the said City, to all Tavern-Keepers, Inn-Keepers, Ordinary-Keepers, Victuallers, and all public Sellers of Wine, Strong Waters, Cyder, Beer, or any other Sort of Liquors by Retail, within the City afore said, *Manhattan's Island*, or their Liberties and Precincts thereof; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor of the said City for the Time being, to ask, demand and receive, for such Licence by him to be given and granted as afore said, such Sum or Sums of Money, as he and the Person to whom such Licence shall be given or granted, shall agree for, not exceeding the Sum of Thirty Shillings for each Licence. All which Money, as by the said Mayor, shall be so received, shall be used and applied to the public Use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors, without any Account thereof to be rendered, made or done to any of the Lieutenants, or Governors of this Province for the Time being, or any of their Deputies.

Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or the Mayor and any three or more Aldermen to make Freemen.

AND *know ye*, That for the better Government of the said City, and for the Welfare of the said Citizens, Tradesmen and Inhabitants thereof, I do by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, give and grant to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, and their Successors, that the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or the Mayor and any three or more of the Aldermen, for the Time being, shall, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, have full Power and Authority, under the common Seal, to make Free Citizens of the said City, and Liberties thereof; and no Person or Persons whatsoever other than such Free Citizens, shall hereafter use any Art, Trade, Mystery, or manual Occupation within the said City, Liberties and Precincts thereof, saving in the Times of Fairs there to be kept, and during the Continuance of such Fairs only. And in Case any Person or Persons whatsoever, not being Free Citizens of the said City as afore said, shall at any Time hereafter, use or exercise any Art, Trade, Mystery, or manual Occupation, or shall, by himself, themselves or others, sell or expose to Sale any Manner of Merchandize or Wares whatsoever, by Retail, in any House, Shop, or Place, or Standing, within the said City, or the Liberties, or Precincts thereof; no Fair being then kept in the said City, and shall persist therein after Warning to him or them given, or left by the Appointment of the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, at the Place or Places where such Person or Persons, shall so use or exercise any Art, Trade, Mystery, or manual Occupation; or shall sell or expose to Sale, any Wares or Merchandizes as afore said by Retail; then it shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, to cause such Shop Windows to be shut up, and also, to impose such reasonable Fine, for such Offence, not exceeding Five Pounds for every respective Offence; and the same Fine and Fines so imposed, to levy and take by Warrant under the common Seal of the said City, for the Time being, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so offending in the Premises, found within the Liberties or Precincts of the said City, rendering to the Party or Parties the Overplus; or by any other lawful Ways or Means whatsoever; to the only Use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors, without any Account to be rendered, made or done to the Lieutenants, Governors, or Commanders in Chief of this Province for the same: *Provided* that no Person or Persons shall be made free as afore said, but such as are His Majesty's natural born Subjects, or such as shall first be naturalized, by Act of General Assembly; or shall have obtained Letters of Denization, under the Hand of the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, and Seal of the Province; and that all Persons

And no Person being not a Freeman to exercise any Trade, unless in Times of Fairs, and during their Continuance only.

All Unfreemen using any Trade, or selling Goods (unless a Fair be kept) and shall persist after Notice,

shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding five Pounds for each Offence,

to be levied by Distress and Sale of Offenders Goods, to the Use of the Corporation.

None to be made free but such as are natural born Subjects, naturalized or made Denizens.

Persons to be made free as aforesaid, shall and do pay, for the public Use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, such Sum and Sums of Money as heretofore hath been used and accustomed to be paid and received on their being admitted Freemen as aforesaid; *Provided* it is not exceeding the Sum of *Five Pounds*.

Fees of being made free not to exceed 5l.

AND *further*, I do by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, grant to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, that they and their Successors be forever, Persons able, and capable, and shall have Power to purchase, have, take and possess in Fee-simple, Lands, Tenements, Rents and other Possessions within or without the same City; to them and their Successors forever, so as the same exceed not the yearly Value of *One Thousand Pounds per Annum*, the Statute of *Mortmain*, or any other Law to the Contrary notwithstanding; and the same Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises, or any Part thereof to demise, grant, lease, set over, assign and dispose, at their own Will and Pleasure, and to make, seal and accomplish any Deed or Deeds, Lease or Leases, Evidences, or Writings for or concerning the same, or any Part thereof, which shall happen to be made and granted by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, for the Time being.

Power to purchase and hold Lands and Tenements in Fee-simple, &c. so as to exceed not the Value of 100l. per Ann.

and to sell, lease and dispose of the same.

AND *further*, I do by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, grant to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, that they and their Successors shall and may forever hereafter, hold and keep within the said City, in every Week of the Year, three Market Days, the one upon *Tuesday*, the other upon *Thursday*, and the other upon *Saturday*, weekly forever.

Power to keep 3 Market-Days weekly forever.

AND *also*, I do by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, grant to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, that they and their Successors and Assigns, shall and may at any Time or Times hereafter, when it to them shall seem fit and convenient, take in, fill, and make up, and lay out, all and singular the Lands and Ground in and about the said City and Island *Manhattan's*, and the same to build upon, or make use of, in any other Manner or Way, as to them shall seem fit, as far into the Rivers thereof, and that encompass the same, as Low-Water Mark aforesaid.

Power to the Corporation to lay out their Ground, and build, &c.

AND *I do* by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors, that they and their Successors shall and may have, hold, and keep within the said City, and Liberties and Precincts thereof, in every Week in every Year forever, upon *Tuesday*, one Court of Common Pleas for all Actions of Debt, Trespass, Trespass upon the Case, Detinue, Ejectment, and other personal Actions; and the same to be held before the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or any three of them, whereof the Mayor or Recorder to be one, who shall have Power to hear and determine the same Pleas and Actions, according to the Rules of the Common Law, and Acts of General Assembly of the said Province.

Power to hold a Court of Common Pleas on every Tuesday.

AND *I do* by these Presents, for and on the Behalf of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs and Successors, grant to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors, that the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, and their Successors, shall have and enjoy all the Privileges, Franchises and Powers, that they have and use, or that any of their Predecessors at any Time, within the Space of twenty Years last past, had took or enjoyed, or ought to have had, by Reason, or under any Pretence of any former Charter, Grant, Prescription, or any other Right, Custom or Usage, although the same have been forfeited, lost, or have been ill used, or not used, or abused, or discontinued, albeit they be not particularly mentioned; and that no Officer shall disturb them therein under any Pretence whatsoever, not only, for their future, but their present Enjoyment thereof: *Provided always*, That the said Privileges, Franchises

Grant to the Corporation of their former Franchises,

so they be not repugnant to the Laws of England, or Acts of Assembly of this Colony,

saving the Fort,

and a House next the City-Hall, and one near the Fort, and the Governor's Garden, King's Farm and Swamp;

and all Rents and Quit-Rents, reserved on former Grants.

The Incorporation not be construed to take away any Lands, Tenements, Goods, or Chattels disposed of before to charitable Uses.

End of the Charter of Gov. DONGAN.

Recital that the Citizens by Virtue of that Charter, have held, and still do hold sundry Franchises, Lands & Tenements, thereby granted to them.

Recital of several other Buildings made by the City.

Franchises and Powers, be not inconsistent with, or repugnant to the Laws of His Majesty's Kingdom of *England*, or other the Laws of the General Assembly of this Province as aforesaid. And saving to His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, his Heirs, Successors and Assigns, and the Lieutenants, Governors and Commanders in Chief, and other Officers under him and them, in *Fort James*, in or by the City of *New-York*, and in all the Liberties, Boundaries, Extents, Privileges thereof, for the Maintenance of the said Fort and Garrison there, all the Right, Use, Title and Authority, which they or any of them, have had, used, or exercised there; and also, one Messuage or Tenement, next the City-Hall; and one Messuage by the Fort, now in the Possession of *Thomas Coker*, Gent. the Piece of Ground by the Gate, called, *The Governor's Garden*, and the Land without the Gate, called, *The King's Farm*; with the Swamp, next to the same Land, by the *Fresh Water*; and saving the several Rents, and Quit-Rents, reserved, due and payable from several Persons, inhabiting within the said City, and Island *Manhattan's*, by Virtue of former Grants, to them made and given, and saving to all other Persons, Bodies politic and corporate, their Heirs, Successors and Assigns, all such Right, Title and Claim, Possessions, Rents, Services, Commons, Emoluments, Interest in, and to, and Thing which is theirs (save only the Franchises aforesaid) in as ample Manner as if this Charter had not been made.

AND further, I do appoint and declare, that the Incorporation to be founded by this Charter, shall not at any Time hereafter, do, or suffer to be done, any Thing by Means whereof the Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, Stock, Goods or Chattels thereof, or in the Hands, Custody, Possession of, any the Citizens of the said City, such as have been set, let, given, granted, or collected to, and for pious and charitable Uses, shall be wasted or misemployed, contrary to the Trust or Intent of the Founder or Giver thereof, and that such and no other Construction shall be made thereof, than that which may tend most to advantage Religion, Justice and the public Good; and to suppress all Acts and Contrivances to be invented, or put in Use contrary thereunto. *In Witness* whereof, I have caused these Presents to be entered in the Secretary's-Office, and the Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed, this Seven and Twentieth Day of *April*, in the second Year of the Reign of His most Sacred Majesty aforesaid, and in the Year of our Lord God, One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Six.

THOMAS DONGAN.

BY VIRTUE, or under Pretext whereof, the said Citizens and Inhabitants, from the Date thereof, hitherto have held or claimed to hold, and still do hold or claim to hold, and enjoy, all and singular the Rights, Privileges, Franchises, Preheminences, Advantages, Jurisdictions, Courts, Powers, Profits, Immunities, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and other the Premises therein particularly mentioned, and thereby intended to be granted. And whereas the Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City of *New-York*, besides the several public Buildings, Accommodations, Conveniencies and other Things in the before recited Grant or Writing mentioned to have been by them erected, built, and appropriated, have, since the making thereof, built and appropriated, at their own proper Costs and Charges, several public Buildings, Accommodations and Conveniencies, for the said City, *that is to say*, The present City-Hall, and Gaols, Rooms, and Places for the sitting of Courts of Justice, and Chambers adjoining, with the Ground and Appurtenances thereunto belonging; five Market-Houses, the present Crane and Bridge, with the Common Sewer leading through the great Dock, and a Magazine or Powder-House near the *Fresh Water*, and several other public Buildings and Conveniencies in the said City; and have built the new Ferry-Houses on the Island of *Nassau*, for the Reception of Travellers, with a Barn, Stables, and Pen, or Pound, for Cattle. And whereas our late Royal Predecessor, Queen *ANNE*, by her Letters Patent, under the Broad Seal of the Province of *New-York*,

York, made, bearing Date the nineteenth Day of *April*, in the seventh Year of her Reign, did grant, ratify and confirm, unto the then Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and to their Successors and Assigns, in these Words following, *to wit*, *ANNE* by the Grace of God, of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all whom these Presents may in any Wise concern, sendeth Greeting: Whereas the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, by their Petition to our right trusty and well beloved Cousin *Edward* Viscount *Cornbury*, our Captain-General, and Governor in Chief, in and over our Province of *New-York*, and Territories depending thereon in *America*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. preferred in Council; therein setting forth, That they having a Right and Interest, under divers ancient Charters and Grants, by divers former Governors and Commanders in Chief of our said Province of *New-York*, under our noble Progenitors, in a certain Ferry from the said City of *New-York*, over the East-River to *Nassau-Island*, (alias *Long-Island*,) and from the said Island to the said City again, and have possessed the same, and received all the Profits, Benefits and Advantages thereof for the Space of Fifty Years and upwards; and perceiving the Profits, Advantages, and Benefits usually issuing out of the same, to diminish, decrease, and fall short of what might be reasonably made of the same, for the Want of the Bounds and Limits to be extended and enlarged on the said Island Side, whereby to prevent divers Persons transporting themselves and Goods to and from the said Island *Nassau* (alias *Long-Island*) over the said River, without coming or landing at the usual and accustomed Places, where the Ferry Boats are usually kept and appointed, to the great Loss and Damage of the said City of *New-York*; have humbly prayed our Grant and Confirmation, under the great Seal of our said Province of *New-York*, of the said Ferry, called, *The Old Ferry*, on both Sides of the said East-River, for the transporting of Passengers, Goods, Horses and Cattle, to and from the said City, as the same is now held and enjoyed by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, or their Under-Tenant or Under-Tenants; and also, of all that the vacant and unappropriated Land, from High-Water Mark to Low-Water Mark, on the said *Nassau-Island*, (alias *Long-Island*) lying contiguous and fronting the said City of *New-York*, from a certain Place, called *The Wall>About*, unto the *Red-Hook*, over against *Nutten-Island*, for the better Improvement and Accommodation of the said Ferry; with full Power, Leave and Licence to set up, establish, maintain, and keep one or more Ferry or Ferries, for the Ease and Accommodation of all Passengers and Travelers, for the Transportation of themselves, Goods, Horses and Cattle, over the said River, within the Bounds aforesaid, as they shall see meet and convenient, and Occasion require; and to establish, ordain and make Bye-Laws, Orders and Ordinances, for the due and orderly Regulation of the same: The which Petition, we being minded to grant, *Know ye*, That of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, we have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and in and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, we do give, grant, ratify and confirm, unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and to their Successors and Assigns, ALL That the said Ferry, called, *The Old Ferry*, on both Sides of the said East-River, for the Transportation of Passengers, Goods, Horses and Cattle, over the said River, to and from the said City and Island, as the same is now used, held and enjoyed, by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, or their Under-Tenant, or Under-Tenants, with all and singular the usual and accustomed Ferriage, Fees, Perquisites, Rents, Issues, Profits, and other Benefits and Advantages whatsoever, to the said *Old Ferry* belonging, or therewith used, or thereout arising; and also All That the aforesaid vacant and unappropriated Ground, lying and being on the said *Nassau-Island* (alias *Long-Island*) from High-Water-Mark to Low-Water-Mark aforesaid, contiguous and fronting the said City of *New-York*, from the aforesaid Place called, *The Wall>About*, to *Red-Hook* aforesaid,

Recital of the Patent of Queen Anne.

In hæc Verba.

Recital of Petition from the Corporation to Lord Cornbury,

setting forth their Right to the Ferry on Nassau-Island,

and praying a Grant and Confirmation thereof,

with the vacant Land from High-water to Low-water Mark on Nassau-Island;

with Power to establish more Ferries,

and to make Bye-laws for regulating the same.

Grant to the Corporation of the Ferry,

with all Fees and Profits.

Grant of all vacant Land on Nassau Island between High & Low Water Mark, from the Wall>About to Red-Hook.

And all Profits belonging thereto.

Reserving Liberty to the Inhabitants having Plantations near the Water-Side, to transport themselves and Goods,

without paying Ferriage; so as they transport themselves and their own Goods, and in their own Boats only;

To hold the said Ferry and vacant Land to the Corporation, their Successors and Assigns, forever.

Under the yearly Rent of 5s. per Ann.

Power to establish as many Ferries as they shall think fit.

And receive such Ferriage Fees as now are taken, or shall be established, with the Consent of Governor and Council.

Power to make By-Laws for regulating the Ferry.

said, *that is to say*, From the East Side of the *Wall-About*, opposite the now dwelling House of *James Bobin*, to the West Side of the *Red-Hook*, commonly called the *Fishing Place*, with all and singular the Appurtenance and Hereditaments to the same, or any Part or Parcel thereof belonging, or in any Wife of Right appertaining; together with all and singular the Rents, Issues, Profits, Ways, Waters, Easements, and all other Benefits, Profits, Advantages and Appurtenances, which heretofore have, now are, and which hereafter shall belong to the said Ferry, vacant Land, and Premises, herein before granted and confirmed, or to any, or either of them, in any Wife appertaining, or which heretofore have been, now are, and which hereafter shall belong, be used, held, received and enjoyed; and all our Estate, Right, Title and Interest, Benefit and Advantage, Claim and Demand of, in or to the said Ferry, vacant Land and Premises, or any Part or Parcel thereof, and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders; together with the yearly, and other Rents, Revenues and Profits of the Premises, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, except and always reserved out of this our present Grant and Confirmation, free Liberty, Leave and Licence to, and for all and every Person or Persons, inhabiting or having Plantations, near the said River, by the Water Side, within the Limits and Bounds above mentioned, to transport themselves, Goods, Horses, and Cattle, over the said River, to and from the said City of *New-York*, and *Nassau-Island* (alias *Long-Island*) to and from their respective Dwellings or Plantations, without any Ferriage, or other Account to the said Ferry, hereby granted and confirmed to be paid or given; so always as the said Person or Persons do transport themselves only, and their own Goods, and in their own Boats only, and not any Stranger or their Goods, Horses, or Cattle, or in any other Boat: *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Ferry, vacant Land and Premises, herein before granted and confirmed, or meant, mentioned, or intended to be hereby granted and confirmed (except as is herein before excepted) and all and singular the Rents, Issues, Profits, Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, to the same belonging, or in any Wife of Right appertaining unto the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors and Assigns forever, to the only proper Use and Behoof of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors and Assigns forever; to be holden of us, our Heirs, and Successors, in free and common Socage, as of our Manor of *East-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, within our Kingdom of *England*; *Yielding*, rendering, and paying unto us, our Heirs, and Successors for the same, yearly, at our Custom-House of *New-York*, to our Collector and Receiver General there, for the Time being, at or upon the Feast of the Nativity of *St. John the Baptist*, the yearly Rent or Sum of *Five Shillings*, current Money of *New-York*:

AND *we do further*, of our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, and their Successors, full and free Leave and Licence to set up, establish, keep, and maintain one or more Ferry or Ferries, as they shall from Time to Time think fit and convenient, within the Limits and Bounds afore said, for the Ease and Accommodation of transporting of Passengers, Goods, Horses, and Cattle, between the said City of *New-York*, and the said Island (except as is herein before excepted) under such reasonable Rates and Payments as have been usually paid and received for the same, or which at any Time hereafter shall be by them established, by and with the Consent and Approbation of our Governor and Council of our said Province for the Time being. *And we do further*, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, give and grant unto the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors, full and absolute Power and Authority to make, ordain, establish, constitute, and confirm all Manner of By-Laws, Orders, Rules, Ordinances, and Directions, for the more orderly keeping, and regularly maintaining the afore said Ferry that now is kept, or any Ferry or Ferries which shall at any Time or Times hereaf-

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ter be set up, established, or kept, within the Bounds aforesaid, by Virtue hereof, or of, for, touching, or concerning the same, (so always as the same be not contrary to our Laws of *England*, and of our Province of *New-York*) and the same at all Times hereafter to put in Execution, or abrogate, revoke, or change, as they in their good Discretion shall think fit, and most convenient for the due and orderly keeping, regulating, and governing the said Ferry or Ferries herein before mentioned.

AND lastly, Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby declare and grant, that these our Letters Patent, or the Record thereof, in the Secretary's Office of our said Province of *New-York*, shall be good and effectual in the Law, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, notwithstanding the not true and well reciting or mentioning of the Premises, or any Part thereof, or the Limits and Bounds thereof, or of any former or other Letters Patents, or Grants whatsoever, made or granted, or of any Part thereof, by us, or any of our Progenitors, unto any Person or Persons whatsoever, Bodies politic or corporate, or any Law or other Restraint, Incertainty, or Imperfection whatsoever, to the Contrary in any Wise notwithstanding, and although express Mention of the true yearly Value, or Certainty of the Premises, or of any of them, or of any other Gifts or Grants by us, or by any of our Progenitors, heretofore made to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, in these Presents is not made, or any other Matter, Cause, or Thing whatsoever to the Contrary thereof in any Wise notwithstanding. *In Testimony whereof*, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of our said Province of *New-York*, to our said Letters Patent to be affixed, and the same to be recorded, in the Secretary's-Office of our said Province. WITNESS our right trusty and well beloved Cousin, *Edward Viscount Cornbury*, Captain-General, and Governor in Chief, in and over our Province of *New-York* aforesaid, and Territories thereon depending in *America*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. in Council, at our Fort in *New-York*, the nineteenth Day of *April*, in the seventh Year of our Reign, *Annoq; Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eight.

This Grant or the Record thereof to be of Force,

notwithstanding any Imperfection whatsoever.

BY VIRTUE, or under Pretext whereof, the said Inhabitants and Citizens of the City of *New-York*, have held and enjoyed, or have claimed to hold and enjoy, and still do hold, or claim to hold the Ferry, vacant Land, Perquisites, Profits, Privileges, Powers, and other the Premises, in the before recited Letters Patent mentioned, and intended to be thereby granted. *And whereas*, besides all the aforesaid Particulars, in the said Grant or Instrument made, in the aforesaid Year of our Lord, One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Six, and in the before recited Letters Patent of Queen *Anne*, mentioned or intended to be thereby granted, the Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City of *New-York* have anciently held, or claimed to hold, use and enjoy, divers and sundry other Rights, Privileges, Franchises, Preheminences, Advantages, Jurisdictions, Emoluments, Powers, Profits, Immunities, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, as well by Prescription as by divers Grants and Confirmations, of and from divers Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, and Commanders in Chief of the said Province, by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, and by divers other Names, Stiles and Titles, and otherwise.

By Virtue of which Patent the Citizens do hold the Ferry & vacant Land thereby granted.

Recital of sundry other Franchises, Lands & Tenements, held by the Corporation;

As well by Prescription as by Grant and otherwise.

AND *whereas* divers Questions, Doubts, Opinions, Ambiguities, Controversies and Debates, have arisen and been made, as well upon and concerning the Validity and Force of the said recited Grant or Writing, dated in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Six, and the before recited Letters Patent of Queen *Anne*, as upon all and every the other Grants and Confirmations of divers Governors, Lieutenant-Governors and Commanders in Chief, made to our City of *New-York* as aforesaid, by Reason of the Variety of Names, Stiles, Titles and Incorporations aforesaid, and by Reason, that the before recited Grant or Instrument, dated in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Six, and the other Grants

Sundry Disputes concerning the Invalidity of the former Charters;

and

And that the Corporation were never well or regularly incorporated;

and of the Invalidity of their Prescription.

Petition of the Corporation for a new Charter recited.

To grant & confirm all their former Franchises, Lands and Tenements.

And to have the Soil four Hundred Foot below Low-Water-Mark, on Hudson's River.

Motives inducing the Crown to grant a new Charter.

The Crown willing that a Corporation be founded by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York.*

and Confirmations of divers Governors, Lieutenant-Governors and Commanders in Chief, were made in the Governors own Names respectively, when they should have been made in the respective Names, Stiles and Titles of former Kings and Queens, our Royal Predecessors, under whom they were Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, or Commanders in Chief respectively, and by Reason, as some suggest and say, that the said City or Inhabitants or Citizens thereof, never were well, regularly or legally incorporated, and, for Want thereof, none of all the said Grants, Confirmations, Instruments, or Letters Patent herein before mentioned, could take Effect, or operate; and for divers other Defects in all, some, or one of the aforesaid Grants, Confirmations and Writings; and also upon the Validity and Force of the Prescription aforesaid. *And whereas* our well beloved Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of our said City of *New-York*, by their humble Petition, presented to our trusty and well beloved *John Montgomerie, Esq.* our Captain-General, and Governor in Chief of our Provinces of *New-York*, and *New-Jersey*, and Territories depending thereon in *America*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. in Council, reciting, among other Things, That the City of *New-York* is an ancient City, and the Citizens thereof, have anciently held and used, and still do hold and use divers and sundry Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Free-Customs, Preeminences, Advantages, Jurisdictions, Emoluments, Immunities, Lands, Tenements, public Buildings and Hereditaments, as well by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, as otherwise, to the Advancement of the said City in its Number of Buildings, and Inhabitants, whereby the said City is become a considerable Sea-Port, and exceedingly necessary and useful to our Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, in supplying our Governments in the *West-Indies* with Bread, Flour, and other Provisions; wherefore they prayed, among other Things, for our Confirmation and Grant to the said City, and Corporation, by the Name, Stile and Titles of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, of all their Lands, Tenements, public Buildings, and Hereditaments, Wharfs, Docks, Bridges, Slips, Ferries, Cranes, Grants, Charters, Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Free-Customs, Preeminences, Advantages, Jurisdictions, Emoluments and Immunities, now and heretofore, by them held and enjoyed; and that they might have the Soil four Hundred Foot beyond Low-Water-Mark, on *Hudson's-River*, from a certain Creek or Kill, called *Bestaver's-Killitie*, southward to the Fort, and from thence, the same Number of Feet, beyond Low-Water-Mark, round the Fort, and along the East-River, as far as to the North Side of a certain Hill, called *Cerlaer's-Hook*; and also for a Grant of such other Powers, Liberties, Franchises, Rights, Free-Customs, Jurisdictions, Privileges, Immunities and Things, as may be needful for the good Rule and Government of the said City. *And we*, considering, that the Strength and Increase of our good Subjects, in that our Frontier Province of *New-York*, does, in a great Measure, depend upon the Welfare and Prosperity of our said City, wherein the Trade and Navigation thereof are chiefly and principally carried on, promoted and encouraged; and we affecting the good and happy Estate of our said City, and the steady Loyalty and Integrity of the Inhabitants and Citizens thereof, are very desirous and willing to give Encouragement to the said City, Inhabitants and Citizens, and to remove, utterly abolish, and wholly take away all and all Manner of Causes, Occasions and Matters, whereupon such Questions, Doubts, Opinions, Ambiguities, Controversies or Debates as aforesaid, or any other Questions or Doubts may or can arise; and, in Order thereunto, we have thought fit, That the said Inhabitants and Citizens of the said City of *New-York* (by whatsoever Name or Names they have been or were incorporated, or whether they have been or were heretofore incorporated or not) into one Body politic and corporate, by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, by our Letters, to make, constitute, confirm, renew, and of New to Create. *And we*, being also further willing and fully intending and desiring, that the said Inhabitants and Citizens of our

said

said City, by the Name aforesaid, should have perpetual Succession, and should hold, possess and enjoy, all and singular the Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Preheminences, Advantages, Jurisdictions, Courts, Powers, Offices, Authorities, Ferries, Fees, Fines, Perquisites, Profits, Immunities, Rents, Possessions, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, not only which in the before recited Grants, Confirmations, Writings, and Letters Patent, are mentioned or intended to be thereby granted, but also, which they have held, or claimed to hold, by Prescription or otherwise, with the Alterations and Enlargements thereof, and Additions thereto, in such Manner and Form, as herein after is mentioned and contained, notwithstanding the before mentioned, or any other Questions, Doubts, Opinions, Ambiguities, Debates, Faults, or Imperfections.

And that they should enjoy all their former Privileges, Franchises and Hereditaments:

The City of New-York made a free City of itself.

Corporation created by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New-York.*

And by that Name to have perpetual Succession.

And to sue and be sued in all Courts.

And capable to purchase & hold Lands, Tenements, Goods and Chattels.

And to sell, let and dispose thereof.

Corporation to have a common Seal.

WHEREFORE know ye, That we, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, have willed, ordained, constituted, confirmed, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do will, ordain, constitute, confirm, give and grant, that our said City of New-York, be, and from henceforth forever hereafter shall be and remain a free City of itself; and that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, and their Successors, from henceforth, and forever hereafter, shall be and remain one Body corporate and politic, *In re Facto, & Nomine*, by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, and them and their Successors, by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, one Body corporate and politic, *In re Facto, & Nomine*, really and fully, we do for us, our Heirs and Successors, erect, make, ordain, constitute, confirm, declare and create, by these Presents, and, that, by that Name, they shall and may have perpetual Succession; and also, that they and their Successors, by the said Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, be and forever hereafter, shall be Persons able in Law, and capable to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all Courts and Places, before us, our Heirs and Successors, and before all and any the Judges, Justices, Officers and Ministers of us, our Heirs and Successors, and elsewhere in all and all Manner of Actions, Suits, Complaints, Pleas, Causes, Matters and Demands whatsoever, and of what Kind or Nature soever, in as full and ample Manner and Form, as any of our other liege Subjects of our said Province, being Persons able and capable in Law, can or may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, by any lawful Ways and Means whatsoever. And also, That they and their Successors, by the same Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, be and shall be forever hereafter, Persons capable and able in Law, to purchase, take, hold, receive, enjoy and have any Messuages, Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Possessions and other Hereditaments, and real Estate, within or without our said Province, in Fee and forever, or, for Term of Life, or Lives, or Years, or in any other Manner; and also Goods, Chattels and all other Things, of what Kind or Quality soever. And also, That they and their Successors, by the same Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York*, shall and may give, grant, demise, assign and sell, or otherwise dispose of all or any the Messuages, Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Possessions and other Hereditaments, and real Estate, and all their Goods, Chattels, and other Things aforesaid, as to them shall seem meet, at their own Will and Pleasure.

AND also, That the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, for the Time being, and their Successors, shall and may, forever hereafter, have and use a common Seal for sealing all and singular Deeds, Grants, Conveyances, Contracts, Bonds, Articles of Agreements, Assignments, Powers, Authorities, and all and singular their Affairs and Things, touching or concerning the said Corporation: And, by Virtue of these our Letters, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen and

And may alter or
new make the same.

Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors, as they shall see Cause to break, change and new-make the same, or any other common Seal, when, and as often as to them it shall seem convenient.

Extent of the City.

AND we do further, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, order and appoint, that the said City of *New-York*, and the Compass, Precincts, Circuit, Bounds, Liberties and Jurisdictions of the same, do reach, extend, and stretch forth, and shall and may reach, extend and stretch forth, as well in Length as in Breadth and Circuit, in and through the Limits and Boundaries following, *to wit*, To begin at the River, Creek, or Run of Water, called, *Spyt den Duyvel*, over which King's-Bridge is built, where the said River or Creek empties itself into the *North-River*, on *Westchester* Side thereof, at Low-Water-Mark, and so to run along the said River, Creek or Run, on *Westchester* Side, at Low-Water-Mark, unto the *East-River*, or *Sound*, and from thence to cross over to *Nassau-Island*, to Low-Water-Mark there, including *Great-Barn-Island*, *Little-Barn-Island*, and *Manning's-Island*, and from thence all along *Nassau-Island* Shore at Low-Water-Mark, unto the South Side of the *Red-Hook*; and from thence to run a Line across the *North-River*, so as to include *Nutten-Island*, *Bedlow's-Island*, *Bucking-Island*, and the *Oyster-Island*, to Low-Water-Mark on the West Side of the *North-River*, or so far as the Limits of our said Province extend there, and so to run up along the West Side of the said River, at Low-Water-Mark, or along the Limits of our said Province, until it comes directly opposite to the first mentioned River or Creek, and thence to the Place where the said Boundaries first began. And also, that the said City, within the Limits and Jurisdictions thereof as aforesaid, be, and forever hereafter, shall be, and remain divided into seven Wards, *to wit*, The *West Ward*, The *South Ward*, The *Dock Ward*, The *East Ward*, The *North Ward*, *Montgomerie Ward*, and, The *Out Ward*; each and every of which Wards, shall contain and comprehend, and reach and extend through the several Limits and Bounds following, *to wit*,

City to be divided in-
to seven Wards.

Their Names.

Bounds of the West
Ward.

THE WEST WARD, to begin at the Middle of the East End of the Street that goes from the Parade to the *North-River*, between the Lot of Ground, now in Fence, belonging to *Charles Sleigh*, and the House and Ground late of *Thomas Elde*; and from thence, to run a direct Line over to the Middle of the West End of *Beaver-Street*, and so along the Middle of *Beaver-Street*, till it comes directly opposite to the Middle of the South End of *New-Street*, and then to run all along the Middle of *New-Street*, to the North End thereof; and from thence to run to the Rear of the Dwelling-House, now in the Possession of *Domine Du Bois*, and from thence to run all along the Rear of the Houses that front the *Broadway*, up to the North Part of the Rear of *Spring Garden House*; and from thence to run up a Line, as the *Broadway* runs, to the End thereof, including the said *Broadway*; and *John Harris* his House, and to include all other Houses, hereafter to be built fronting the said *Broadway*, and from the North End of the *Broadway*, to continue and run a Line, as the said Street runs, until it comes directly opposite to *Beftaver's-Killitie* or Rivulet; and from thence to run to the said *Beftaver's-Killitie*, and so to continue the said Line, to four Hundred Foot beyond Low-Water-Mark, into the *North-River*; and so down the said *North-River*, always keeping four Hundred Foot beyond Low-Water-Mark, until it comes directly opposite to the Middle of the West End of the first mentioned Street; and so to run to and through the Middle of the said Street, to the Place where the said *West Ward* first began.

Bounds of the South
Ward.

THE SOUTH WARD, to begin at the Middle of *Wall-Street*, where the Line of the *West Ward* runs across the same, and from thence down the Middle of *Wall-Street*, until it comes directly opposite to the Middle of the North End of *Broad-Street*; and from thence down the Middle of *Broad-Street*, to the *Long-Bridge*; and from thence to the Eastward of, and to include the said *Long-Bridge*, and the Market-House at the South End of the said Street; and from thence to continue and run a South-East Line across the said *East-River*,

River, to Low-Water-Mark on *Nassau-Island* Shore ; and from thence to run along the said Shore, at Low-Water-Mark, to the South Side of *Red-Hook*, and from thence to run a Line across the *North-River*, so as to include *Nutten-Island*, *Bedlow's-Island*, *Bucking-Island*, and the *Oyster-Island*, to Low-Water-Mark, on the West Side of the *North-River* ; and so to run up along the West Side of the said River, at Low-Water-Mark, until it comes directly opposite to *Beaver's Killitie*, or Rivulet ; and from thence to run to the North-Westerly Corner of the *West Ward*, at four Hundred Foot beyond Low-Water-Mark ; and from thence along the Bounds of the said *West Ward*, till it comes to the South-Westerly End thereof ; and from thence still along the Bounds of the *West Ward*, through the Street, by the Parade, and through *Beaver-Street* and *New-Street*, to the Place where the *South Ward* began.

THE DOCK WARD, to begin at the Middle of *Wall-Street*, directly opposite to the Middle of the North End of *Broad-Street* ; and from thence down through the Middle of *Wall-Street*, until it comes to the Middle of *Smith-Street* ; thence down through the Middle of *Smith-Street*, to a Place called *Marten Clock's Corner*, including the small Street between the House late of the said *Marten Clock*, and the Slip, and so to continue and run a Line as the said small Street runs, into the *East-River*, four Hundred Feet below Low-Water-Mark ; thence running Westerly, keeping four Hundred Foot below Low-Water-Mark, till it comes to the Bounds of the *South Ward*, and from thence along the Bounds of the *South Ward*, up the Middle of *Broad-Street*, to the Place where the said *Dock Ward* began.

Bounds of the Dock Ward.

THE EAST WARD, to begin at the North-Easterly Corner of the *Dock Ward*, in the Middle of *Smith-Street*, and so to run from thence up through the Middle of the said Street, till it comes directly opposite to the Middle of the North-Easterly End of *Golden-Hill-Street* ; and from thence to run down through the Middle of the said Street, to the Middle of the South-Easterly End thereof ; and from thence to run through the Middle of *Rodman's-Slip* to the *East-River* ; and from thence to continue and run a Line, as the said Slip runs, into the *East-River*, four Hundred Foot below Low-Water-Mark ; thence running Westerly, keeping four Hundred Foot below Low-Water-Mark, till it comes to the South-Easterly End of the *Dock Ward* ; and so along the Bounds of the *Dock Ward* up through the Middle of *Smith-Street*, to the Place where the *East Ward* began.

Bounds of the East Ward.

THE NORTH WARD, to begin where the *East Ward* begins, in the Middle of *Smith-Street*, and so to run from thence through the Middle of the said Street, so far as it runs, and so to continue a Line, from the End of the said Street, as the Street runs, to the South Side of the Creek, that runs from *Fresh-water* into the *East-River* ; and from thence running a North Course, till it comes to the Bounds of the *West Ward* ; and from thence running along the Bounds of the said *West Ward*, towards *Spring-Garden*, and all along the Rear of the Houses fronting the *Broadway*, and so still along the Bounds of the said *West Ward*, to the Middle of *Wall-Street*, where the *West Ward* runs across the same ; and from thence down the Middle of *Wall-Street*, along the Bounds of the *South Ward*, and the *Dock Ward*, to the Place where the said *North Ward* began, including in the same Ward, the Powder-House, the City-Hall, and the *Presbyterian Meeting-House*.

Bounds of the North Ward.

MONTGOMERIE WARD, to begin at the South-Easterly Corner of the *East Ward*, opposite to *Rodman's-Slip*, four Hundred Foot below Low-Water-Mark, in the *East-River*, and from thence to run along the Bounds of the *East Ward*, to and through the Middle of *Rodman's-Slip*, and all through the Middle of *Golden-Hill-Street*, till it meets with the Boundaries of the *North Ward*, and the Middle of *Smith-Street*, and so along the Bounds of the *North Ward*, through the Middle of *Smith-Street*, to the Rivulet that runs from *Fresh-water* into the *East-River* ; from thence along the said Rivulet, so far as it goes, till it empties itself into the said *East-River* ; and from thence to run a South-East Line, four Hundred Foot beyond Low-Water-Mark, into the said

Bounds of Montgomerie Ward.

said *East-River*, and from thence running Westerly, keeping four Hundred Foot beyond Low-Water-Mark, to the Place where the said *Montgomerie Ward* began.

Bounds of the Out Ward.

THE OUT WARD, to begin at the North-Westerly Corner of the *South Ward*, at Low-Water-Mark on the West Side of the *North-River*, over against *Bestaver's Killitie* or Rivulet, and from thence to run up along the West Side of the said River, at Low-Water-Mark, until it comes directly opposite to the River, Creek, or Run of Water, called *Spyt den Duyvel*, over which *King's-Bridge* is built; and from thence to run to the said Creek or River, to the *Westcheester* Side thereof, at Low-Water-Mark, and so to run along the said River, Creek or Run on *Westcheester* Side, at Low-Water-Mark, into the *East-River* or Sound, and from thence to cross over to *Nassau-Island*, to Low-Water-Mark there, including *Great-Barn-Island*, *Little-Barn-Island*, and *Manning's-Island*, and from thence along *Nassau-Island* Shore, at Low-Water-Mark, to the Bounds of the *South Ward*; and from thence along the Bounds of the *South Ward*, the *Dock Ward*, the *East Ward*, and *Montgomerie Ward*, to the Place where the said *Montgomerie Ward*, and the *North Ward* meet, at the Rivulet that runs from *Fresh-water*, and so to run a North Course, as the said *North Ward* runs, till it comes to the Bounds of the *West Ward*; and from thence along the Bounds of the *West Ward*, to the North Westerly Corner thereof, at four Hundred Foot beyond Low-Water-Mark, near *Bestaver's-Killitie*, or Rivulet; and from thence along the Bounds of the *South Ward*, to the Place where the said *Out Ward* began.

Grant that there be forever, one Mayor, one Recorder, seven Aldermen, seven Assistants, one Sheriff, one Coroner, one common Clerk, one Chamberlain, one high Constable, one sixteen Assessors, seven Collectors, sixteen Constables and one Marshal.

Mayor named.

Power to make one of the Aldermen his Deputy whom the Governor shall approve of.

Who shall act as Mayor in the Sicknefs or Absence of the Mayor.

Power to the Deputy Mayor, after taking Oath, to act and do all Things belonging to the Office of Mayor, in the Sicknefs or Absence of the Mayor.

If any Mayor die before another be appointed,

AND we do further, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for us, our Heirs and Successors, will, ordain, give and grant, that there be, and forever hereafter shall and may be, one MAYOR, one Recorder, seven Aldermen, seven Assistants, one Sheriff, one Coroner, one common Clerk, one Chamberlain, one High-Constable, sixteen Assessors, seven Collectors, sixteen Constables, and one Marshal, appointed, nominated, elected, chosen and sworn in and for the said City of *New-York*, and the Precincts and Limits thereof; out of the Freeholders or Freemen, Inhabitants of the said City, in Manner and Form as herein after is particularly mentioned: And for the better Execution of our Will, Gift and Grant, in this Behalf, we have assigned, named, constituted and made, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do assign, name, constitute and make, our well beloved *Robert Lurting*, Esq. to be the present Mayor, of the same City, to do and execute all Things, which unto the Office of Mayor of the said City, doth or may belong, or in any Wise appertain. And we do moreover, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm, unto the said Mayor, of our said City of *New-York*, and to his Successors, and to the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, and to each of them, forever, full Power and Authority to depute and appoint one of the Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, to be approved of by the Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province, for the Time being, in the Place of the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being; and as his Deputy, in all Matters and Respects, to act and do all things, which to the Office of the Mayor of the said City, within the Limits, Liberties, and Precincts thereof, do, or ought to belong, during the Sicknefs, or in the Absence of the said Mayor, for the Time being.

AND we do hereby will and grant, That every such Deputy or Person so to be appointed, and approved of, after having taken such Oath, as herein after is directed, for every such Deputy to take, shall have as full Power and Authority to act and do, in the Sicknefs or Absence of the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, all and singular those Things, which to the Office of Mayor of the said City belongs, or shall belong, or appertain, to all Intents and Purposes, as the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, by Virtue of these Presents, or otherwise, hath, shall or ought to have. And we do further, for us, our Heirs and Successors, will, ordain and grant, that, in Case it should happen, that the present Mayor of the said City, or any of his

his Successors, or any of the Mayors of the said City, for the Time being, should happen to die before any other fit Person shall be appointed and sworn Mayor, of the said City, in their respective Rooms and Places, then, and in every such Case, upon the Death of such Mayor, such Aldermen for the Time being, (who shall have been so appointed and approved of as aforesaid, to act in the Place of, or as Deputy to such Mayor) shall be, and he is hereby appointed and declared Mayor of the said City, and to continue and be continued in, and to execute the same Office, of Mayor of the said City, from the Death of such Mayor so dying, until another fit Person shall be appointed and sworn Mayor of the said City, in such Manner as in and by these Presents is hereafter directed for the respective Mayors of the said City, to be appointed and sworn, and so as often as such Case shall happen.

then the Deputy Mayor to be Mayor until another be appointed and sworn.

AND further we have assigned, ordained, named and constituted, and by these Presents do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, assign, ordain, name and constitute, our truly and well beloved *Francis Harrison, Esq.* (one of our Council of our said Province of *New-York*) to be the present Recorder of our said City; to do and execute all Things, which unto the Office of Recorder of the said City, doth or may belong, or in any Manner appertain, and to continue and be continued in, and to execute the said Office, until another fit Person shall be appointed and sworn in the said Office. And we do hereby appoint, That the Governor or Commander in Chief for the said Province, for the Time being, at any Time or Times, when, and as often as they or each of them think fit, may displace and remove the present Recorder, or any other Recorder, hereafter to be appointed.

Recorder named;

Governor to remove the Recorder at Pleasure.

AND we do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, assign, name, constitute and appoint, *John Cruger, Hermanus Van Gelder, Frederick Philipse, Gerardus Stuyvesant, Anthony Rutgers, John Rosevelt and Johannes Hardenbrook, Esquires, Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City of New-York*, to be the present Aldermen of the said City; and *Egbert Van Borssom, Samuel Kip, John Chambers, John Moore, Isaac De Peyster, Petrus Rutgers, and Gerardus Beekman, Gents.* to be the present Assistants of the said City, to wit, The said *John Cruger* to be Alderman, and *John Moore* to be Assistant, for the Dock Ward of the said City; *Hermanus Van Gelder* to be Alderman, and *John Chambers* to be Assistant, for the West Ward of the said City; *Col. Frederick Philipse* to be Alderman, and *Isaac De Peyster* to be Assistant, for the South Ward of the said City; *Gerardus Stuyvesant* to be Alderman, and *Samuel Kip* to be Assistant, for the Out Ward of the said City; *Anthony Rutgers, Esq.* to be Alderman, and *Egbert Van Borssom* to be Assistant, for the North Ward of the said City; *John Rosevelt* to be Alderman, and *Petrus Rutgers* to be Assistant, for the East Ward of the said City; *Johannes Hardenbrook* to be Alderman, and *Gerardus Beekman* to be Assistant, for *Montgomerie Ward* of the said City.

Aldermen named;

Assistants named.

And for what Wards;

AND we do also hereby nominate and appoint *Cornelius De Peyster*, to be the present Chamberlain and Treasurer of the City aforesaid; *Col. Henry Beekman*, to be the present Sheriff of the said City; *Richard Nichols, Gent.* to be the present Coroner of the said City; *Edmund Peers*, to be present High-Constable, and *Robert Crannell*, to be present Marshal of the said City.

Chamberlain named, Sheriff, Coroner, high Constable and Marshal.

AND also, we do hereby nominate and appoint, *John Le Montes, David Abeel, Assessors; Nicholas Van Taerling, Collector; and John Scot, Constable*, for the South Ward of the said City; *John Thurman and John Bogart, Assessors, and John Pearse, Collector*, for the West Ward of the said City; *Gerardus Duyckinck and Simeon Soumain, Assessors; George Brinckerhof, Collector; and Christopher Nicholson, Constable*, of the Dock Ward of the said City; *John Brown and Nathaniel Marsten, Assessors; Peter Noxen, Collector; and Timothy Bontecou, Constable* of the North Ward of the said City; *John Pintard and Peter Van Dyck, Assessors; Ebenezer Grant, Collector; and John Abrahamson, Constable* of the East Ward of the said City; *Jacobus Kip, Assessor; and Cornelius Cousine, Collector*, for the Bowry Division of the Out Ward; and *Barent Waldren, Assessor; Derick Bensing, Collector;*

Assessors, Collectors and Constables named, and for what Wards.

lector; and *Arent Buffing*, Constable, for the *Haerlem Division* of the said *Out Ward*.

Within 40 Days other
Collectors, Assessors,
and Constables to be
chosen.

And for what Wards.

Officers to take an
Oath,

and to continue till
the 14th October in
their Offices.

Sheriff to enter into
Bond in 1000l. Pe-
nalty, for the due
Execution of his Of-
fice.

Governor to appoint
the Mayor,

Sheriff, and

Coroner, yearly.

Freemen and Free-
holders to choose Al-
dermen, Assistants,
Collectors, and Con-
stables yearly on the
Feast of St. Michael.

AND *we do* hereby appoint, order and direct, that within forty Days after the Date hereof, the Freemen of the said City, being Inhabitants in, and the Freeholders of each respective Ward in the said City, may and shall assemble themselves and meet together, at such Time and Place, in each of the said Wards, as each respective Alderman, for each respective Ward, shall appoint, and then and there, by Plurality of their Voices or Votes, to elect and choose out of the Inhabitants of each respective Ward, being Freeholders there, or Freemen of the said City, the several Officers following, *to wit*, One other Constable, for the *South Ward*; one other Constable for the *West Ward*; one other Constable for the *Dock Ward*; one other Constable for the *East Ward*; two Assessors, one Collector, and two Constables for *Montgomerie Ward*; and two other Assessors and three other Constables for the *Out Ward*, *to wit*, one other Assessor and two Constables for the *Boxry Division*, and one other Assessor and one other Constable for the *Haerlem Division* of the said *Out Ward*. And *we do* hereby will and ordain, that each and every of the before named Mayor, Aldermen, Assistants, Chamberlain, Coroner, High-Constable, and Marshal, and all and every the before named Assessors, Constables, and every other Assessor and Constable, hereafter to be chosen for any Ward, or Division of a Ward, in the said City, before next *Michaelmas Day*, on their being respectively sworn into their respective Offices, as hereafter is directed, shall continue in their said respective Offices, until the fourteenth Day of *October*, next ensuing the Date hereof, and from thence until other fit Persons be respectively chosen and sworn in their respective Rooms and Places, in Manner and Form as is herein after directed. And *we do* also further ordain, order and declare, for us, our Heirs and Successors, that, as well, the before named Sheriff, as every other Person and Persons, hereafter to be appointed, for or to the Office of Sheriff of the said City, before he or they be permitted to exercise the said Office, shall each of them give and enter into Bond, to us, our Heirs and Successors, with two or more sufficient Sureties, in a Penalty not less than one Thousand Pounds, conditioned for the faithful and due Execution of his said Office, in such Manner as the Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province of *New-York*, for the Time being, shall think fit and appoint: And the before named Sheriff, on his giving such Security, and having taken such an Oath as hereafter is directed, shall continue in his said Office, until the fourteenth Day of *October*, next ensuing, and from thence until another fit Person is appointed and sworn into the said Office, and has given such Security as aforesaid.

And *we do hereby further*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, appoint and ordain, that the Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province of *New-York*, for the Time being, by and with the Advice of the Council of us, our Heirs and Successors, for the said Province, for the Time being, from Time to Time, shall have full Power and Authority, on the Feast Day of St. *Michael*, the Arch-Angel, in every Year, forever hereafter, to name and appoint, and can, shall and may name and appoint a discreet and fit Person of the Freeholders, Freemen, or Inhabitants of the said City, to be Mayor of the said City; and one other fit and able Person, one of the Freeholders or Freemen, being an Inhabitant of the said City, to be Sheriff of the said City; and one other such Person, to be Coroner of the said City, all for the ensuing Year. And also, That on the said Feast Day of St. *Michael*, the Arch-Angel, in every Year forever hereafter, the Freemen of the said City, being Inhabitants, and the Freeholders of each respective Ward in the said City, shall and may assemble themselves and meet together, at such Time of the Day, and at such public Place in each of the said Wards, as each respective Alderman, for each respective Ward, for the Time being, shall appoint; and then and there, by Plurality of their Voices or Votes, to elect and choose out of the Inhabitants of each respective Ward, being Freeholders there, or Freemen of the said City (except the *Out Ward*) for the ensuing Year, one Alderman,

man, and one Assistant; two Assessors, one Collector, and two Constables; and for the said *Out Ward*, four Assessors, two Collectors, and four Constables, *to wit*, Two Assessors, one Collector, and two Constables for each Division of the said Ward. *And also*, That the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, and four or more Aldermen, and four or more of the Assistants, of the said City, for the Time being, on the Feast Day of *St. Michael*, the Arch-Angel, in every Year forever hereafter, shall and may in Common Council, name and appoint one fit Person, being a Freeholder or Freeman and an Inhabitant of the said City, to be Treasurer or Chamberlain of the said City for the Year ensuing; and also, that on the same Day, in every Year, forever hereafter, the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, shall name and appoint one other of the said Inhabitants, being a Freeholder or Freeman of the said City, to be High-Constable of the said City, for the Year ensuing; every of which Persons, so to be named for Mayor, Coroner, High-Constable, or Chamberlain, or so to be elected for Alderman, Assistant, Assessor, or Constable, on the Feast Day of *St. Michael*, shall, on the fourteenth Day of *October* then next ensuing their Nomination or Election respectively, take the respective Oaths herein after appointed for them respectively to take, in such Manner and Form as herein after is directed, and shall continue in their said respective Offices, from their being so respectively sworn, until other fit Persons be respectively named, or elected, and sworn in their respective Rooms and Places. *And also*, That every Person so to be named for Sheriff, on the said Feast Day of *St. Michael*, shall on the fourteenth Day of *October*, then next ensuing his Nomination, take such Oath as is hereafter appointed for each Sheriff to take, and shall give such Security as is herein before appointed for each Sheriff to give, and shall remain in the said Office, from the Time of his being so sworn and giving such Security, until another fit Person shall be appointed and sworn into the said Office, and shall have given such Security as aforesaid. *And we do further*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, appoint and ordain, that, if it should happen, that either the Mayor, Sheriff or Coroner of the said City, for the Time being, at any Time (before other fit Persons be so as aforesaid respectively named and sworn, in their respective Rooms) should happen to die, then, and so often as it shall so happen, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, and Commander in Chief of the said Province for the Time being, by and with the Advice of the said Council for the said Province, for the Time being, in some convenient Time thereafter, to name and appoint some fit and discreet Person, being an Inhabitant, Freeholder or Freeman of the said City, to be Mayor of the said City, in the Room of such Mayor so dying; and one other fit and able Person as aforesaid, to be Sheriff of the said City, in the Room of such Sheriff so dying; and one other fit Person as aforesaid, to be Coroner of the said City, in the Room of such Coroner so dying; and that every such Person, so to be named Mayor, after having taken such Oath as is hereby appointed for each Mayor to take, shall remain in, and execute the said Office of Mayor of the said City, until the fourteenth Day of *October* then next ensuing, and until another fit Person be named and sworn into the said Office of Mayor of the said City; and every such Person so to be named Sheriff, after having sworn, and given such Security, as is hereby appointed for each Sheriff to do, shall have, exercise and remain in the said Office of Sheriff of the said City, until the fourteenth Day of *October* then next, and until another fit Person be named and sworn in the said Office of Sheriff, and shall have given such Security as herein before is appointed for each Sheriff to give; and every Person so to be named Coroner, after having taken such Oath as is appointed hereby for each Coroner to take, shall exercise and remain in the said Office of Coroner of the said City until the fourteenth Day of *October* then next, and until another fit Person be named and sworn into the Office of Coroner of the said City.

AND *we do moreover*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, will, and by these Presents grant to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of
New-York,

The Mayor and four or more Aldermen, and Assistants to appoint a Chamberlain yearly on the Feast of *St. Michael*, in Common Council.

And the Mayor then to appoint the high Constable.

Officers to take an Oath on the 14th of *October*, after being appointed and chosen.

And continue till others be chose in their Rooms.

Sheriff at the same Time to give Bond and be sworn.

Mayor, Sheriff or Coroner dying, before others named and put in their Rooms, the Governor to appoint others.

Who shall take the Oaths; and Sheriff to give Security,

and to execute their respective Offices.

If any Aldermen, Assistants, or other inferior Officers die before other be elected,

the Freemen to chuse others in their Rooms.

If Chamberlain die before another be appointed in his Room, or remove out of the City, the Common Council to appoint another.

And the Mayor to appoint another high Constable, in Case of Death or Removal.

All which Persons so newly to be elected and appointed to take the Oaths (except the Collector.)

If any Freeholder or Freeman shall be chosen Alderman, Assistant, Assessor, Collector or Constable, or appointed high Constable, and have Notice thereof, shall refuse to do or serve for what he is chosen,

the Common Council to impose a Fine not exceeding

75l. to be levied and received,

New-York, and to their Successors forever, that if it should happen any of the present named Aldermen or Assistants, Assessors, Collectors or Constables, or any one of the Aldermen, Assistants, Assessors, Collectors or Constables, hereafter to be elected and sworn, or to be sworn into their respective Offices aforesaid, shall happen to die, or remove out of the said City, within the Time they are, or shall be respectively named or elected for, or before other fit Persons be respectively named or elected and sworn into their respective Rooms, it shall and may be lawful for the Freemen, being Inhabitants in, and the Freeholders of each respective Ward for which such Alderman, Assistant, Assessor, Collector or Constable, so dying or removing, had been named or chosen for, to assemble and meet together, at such Time and Place in the said respective Ward, as shall be appointed by the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or his Deputy, and then and there by Plurality of Voices or Votes of the Freemen, being Inhabitants in and the Freeholders of such Ward, to elect one of the Inhabitants of, and being a Freeholder in such Ward, or Freeman of the said City, to serve as Alderman, Assistant, Assessor, Collector or Constable for the said Ward, in the Room of such Alderman, Assistant, Assessor, Collector or Constable so dying or removing; and so as often as such Cases shall happen. And in Case the present named, or any future Chamberlain, or any High-Constable of the said City, hereafter to be appointed, so sworn, or to be sworn in their respective Offices aforesaid, should happen to die, or remove out of the said City, within the Time they were or shall be respectively appointed for, it shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or his Deputy, and four or more Aldermen, and four or more Assistants for the said City, for the Time being, in Common Council, to appoint another fit Person to be Chamberlain, in the Room of such Chamberlain so dying or removing; and for the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, to appoint another fit Person to be High-Constable, in the Room of such High-Constable so dying or removing; and so as often as such Cases shall happen: And all and every such Person and Persons so to be newly chosen or appointed Alderman, Assistant, Assessor, Collector, Constable, Chamberlain or High-Constable, shall serve in their respective Offices, until other fit Persons be respectively chosen or appointed and sworn in their respective Rooms; each of them (except the Collector) first taking such Oaths as hereafter is appointed for each of them respectively to take.

AND we do further, for us, our Heirs and Successors, ordain, grant and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, that if any one of the Inhabitants of the said City of *New-York*, being a Freeholder or Freeman as aforesaid, shall hereafter be elected or chosen to the Office of Alderman, Assistant, Assessor, Collector or Constable, for any Ward in the said City, or shall be appointed to be High-Constable of the said City, and having Notice of his said Election, shall refuse, deny, delay, or neglect to take upon him or them to execute such Office, to which he or they shall be so chosen or elected for, that then and so often as it shall happen, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor, or his Deputy, or Recorder, and any four or more of the Aldermen, and any four or more of the Assistants of the said City, for the Time being, in Common Council, to tax, assess and impose, upon every such Person or Persons so refusing, denying, delaying or neglecting, such reasonable and moderate Fine and Fines, Sum and Sums of Money, as they the said Mayor or his Deputy or Recorder, and any four or more Aldermen, and any four or more Assistants, in Common Council, shall think fit, so as such Fine, for each Refusal, Denial, Delay or Neglect, shall not exceed the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, current Money of *New-York*; all which said Fines shall and may be levied, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Delinquent and Delinquents, by Warrant under the Seal of the said City, signed by the Mayor thereof, for the Time being, rendering the Surplusage to the Owner or Owners thereof, (if any be) the necessary Charges of making and selling such Distress being first deducted; or, by Action of Debt, in any Court of Record,

cord, to be prosecuted, or in any other lawful Method to be obtained; and shall be recovered and received by and to the Use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, without any Account thereof to be given to us, our Heirs or Successors: And upon every such Refusal or Neglect, other fit Persons to be elected and chosen, in the Room and Rooms of such Persons so neglecting or refusing, in such Manner as is before directed or appointed for electing and choosing of Aldermen, Assistants, Assessors, Collectors and Constables, and for appointing a High-Constable, upon the Death or Removal of any of them respectively; and so as often as such Cases shall happen.

to the Use of the Corporation,

and others to be chosen in their Rooms,

AND we do hereby, for us, our Heirs and Successors, grant, appoint and ordain, that if it shall happen, that the Day or Days appointed for the naming, appointing, electing or choosing, or for administering any Oath or Oaths to any of the Officers or Ministers of the said Corporation, shall happen to fall on a *Sunday*, then, and in such Case, such naming, appointing, electing or choosing, so to be made, shall be made, and such Oath or Oaths, so to be administered, shall be administered on the next Day, and so as often as such Case shall happen.

If the Day of Election or administering Oaths fall on a Sunday, the same to be made on the Day following.

AND further we do, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, that the Mayor or Recorder, with four or more Aldermen, and four or more Assistants of the said City, for the Time being, be and shall be forever hereafter called, *The Common Council of the City of New-York*; and that the said Common Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, have and may, and shall have full Power, Authority and Licence to frame, constitute, ordain, make and establish, from Time to Time, all such Laws, Statutes, Rights, Ordinances and Constitutions, which to them, or the greater Part of them, shall seem to be good, useful or necessary, for the good Rule and Government of the Body Corporate aforesaid; and of all Officers, Ministers, Artificers, Citizens, Inhabitants and Residents of the said City, within the Limits thereof, and for declaring how and after what Manner and Order, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the said City, for the Time being, and all and every of their Officers and Ministers, and all Artificers, Inhabitants and Residents of the same City, and their Factors, Servants and Apprentices, in their Offices, Functions and Business within the said City and the Liberties thereof, for the Time being, and from Time to Time shall use, carry and behave themselves; and for the farther public Good, common Profit, Trade and better Government and Rule of the said City, and for the better preserving, governing, disposing, letting and setting of the Lands, Tenements, Possessions and Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, belonging, or to them and their Successors hereafter to belong, and all other Things and Causes whatsoever touching or concerning the said City, or the State, Right and Interest of the same, (provided that such Laws be not contradictory or repugnant to the Laws or Statutes of that Part of our Kingdom of *Great-Britain* called *England*, or of our said Province) which Laws, Statutes, Ordinances and Constitutions, so to be made as aforesaid, may be and remain in Force for twelve Months, from the Day of the Date thereof, and no longer, unless they shall be allowed of and confirmed by the Governor and Council of the said Province, for the Time being: And that the said Common Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, as often as they shall make, ordain and establish such Laws, Statutes, Rights, Orders and Constitutions, in Form aforesaid, may make, ordain, limit and provide such and the like Pains, Punishments and Penalties, either by Fines and Amerciaments, or by disfranchising and amoving from the Liberties, Privileges, Immunities and Freedom of the said City, or by either of them, towards and against all and

The Mayor or Recorder and four or more Aldermen, with four or more Assistants to be a Common Council.

And have Power to make By-Laws.

Provided such By-Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of England, or this Province,

and to continue in Force for 12 Months from the Date, and no longer, unless approved and confirmed by Governor & Council.

Power to inflict Penalties on those who shall disobey such By-Laws, either by disfranchising or fining.

Which Fines by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of the Mayor or Recorder, or any one of the Aldermen, shall be levied to the Use of the Corporation.

Common Council to be called by the Mayor, or in Case of his Sickness or Absence, by the Recorder.

Common Council to fine every Member, who shall not attend on Notice given,

unless he shew a reasonable Cause to the Contrary.

So as such Fine for every Non-Attendance exceed not 20s.

To be levied to the Use of the Corporation.

Power to the Corporation to establish as many Ferries as they shall think fit.

every Person that shall offend against such Laws, Statutes, Rights, Orders and Constitutions, or any or either of them, as by the said Common Council or the major Part of them, shall be thought necessary and requisite to make, ordain, limit and provide for the Observation and Preservation of the same Laws, Rights, Statutes, Ordinances and Constitutions; and the same Fines and Amerciaments, shall and may, from Time to Time, levy, receive, have and recover, either by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Delinquent and Delinquents, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of the Mayor or Recorder, or any one of the Aldermen for the Time being, rendering the Surplusage to the Owner or Owners thereof (if any be) the necessary Charges of making and selling such Distress, being first deducted; or by Action of Debt in any Court of Record to be prosecuted, or in any other lawful Method to be obtained, and to the Use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, without any Account thereof to be given to us, our Heirs and Successors, or to any of the Officers or Ministers of us, or our Heirs or Successors: All and singular which Laws, Statutes, Rights, Ordinances and Constitutions, so as aforesaid to be made, we do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, will to be observed, under the Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures in the same contained. *And we do further*, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, that the Common Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall have the sole Power of determining and deciding all Elections of all and every their Officers and Ministers, hereafter to be chosen and elected in or for the said Corporation, or any Part thereof.

AND we do hereby, for us, our Heirs and Successors, ordain, declare, give and grant unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, and their Successors, that the Common Council of the said City shall be summoned, called and held, from Time to Time, so often, and at such Times and Places, as the Mayor, or in Case of his Sickness or Absence, the Recorder of the said City, for the Time being, shall think fit to appoint or direct; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Common Council of the said City, or the major Part of them, to assess and lay such reasonable Fines and Amerciaments in and upon every Officer and Member of the Body Corporate aforesaid, for the Time being, who, after having had due Notice, or being duly summoned to appear or attend at any such Common Council to be held for the said City, shall neglect so to do, or make Default therein, or shall not appear or attend according to such Notice or Summons in that Behalf, or shew a reasonable Cause, by the said Common Council, or the major Part of them, at their Discretion to be allowed, and so as often as such Case shall happen, so that no such Fine or Amerciament for any one Default of Appearance or Attendance of any such Officer or Member of the Body Corporate aforesaid, shall exceed the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*, in the Manner and Form aforesaid, to be levied, and by, to and for the Use of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, and their Successors, to be recovered and received, without any Account thereof to be given to us, our Heirs or Successors, or any of our or their Officers or Ministers. *And we do further*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant and confirm unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, that the Common Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the major Part of them (but no other Person or Persons whomsoever without the Consent, Grant or Licence of the said Common Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the major Part of them) from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, shall and may have the sole, full and whole Power and Authority of settling, appointing, establishing, ordering and directing, and shall and may settle, appoint, establish, order and direct such and so many Ferries, round *Manhattan's-Island* (alias *New-York Island*) for the carrying and transporting People, Horses, Cattle, Goods and Chattels from the said Island of *Manhattan*, to *Nassau-Island*,

Nassau-Island, and from thence back to *Manhattan's*; and also from the said Island *Manhattan's* to any of the opposite Shores all round the same Island, in such and so many Places as the said Common Council, or the major Part of them shall think fit; who have hereby likewise full Power to let, set, or otherwise dispose of all or any of such Ferries to any Person or Persons whomsoever; and the Rents, Issues, Profits, Ferriages, Fees and other Advantages arising and accruing from all and every such Ferries, we do hereby fully and freely for us, our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York* aforesaid, and to their Successors forever, to have, take, hold and enjoy the same, to their own Use, without being accountable to us, our Heirs or Successors, for the same or any Part thereof.

AND we do further, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, that the Common Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, have, and from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter forever, shall have full Power, Licence and Authority, not only to establish, appoint, order and direct the making and laying out of all other Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Highways, Water Courses, and Bridges, not already made or laid out, but also the altering, amending and repairing all such Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Highways, Water Courses, and Bridges, heretofore made or laid out, or hereafter to be made or laid out, in and throughout the said City of *New-York*, and the Island of *Manhattan*, in such Manner as the said Common Council, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall think or judge to be necessary and convenient for all Inhabitants and Travellers there.

AND further, we do hereby, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors, that they and their Successors, shall and may have, hold and keep Markets, at the five several Places (in the said City of *New-York*, on every Day in the Week throughout the Year, except Sunday) as follow, to wit, One Market, at *Coenties-Dock*; one other Market, at the *Old-Slip*, at *Burgher's-Path*; one other Market at *Countesses-Slip*; one other Market at the lower End of *Wall-Street*; and one other Market by the *Long-Bridge*. And also we do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, grant unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, that they and their Successors, shall and may have, hold and keep such and so many other Markets, at such and so many other Times and Places in the said City of *New-York*, as shall, from Time to Time, be ordered, established, erected and appointed, by the Common Council of the City aforesaid, for the Time being, or the greater Number of them.

AND we do further, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors, that they and their Successors may, and shall have the Assize and Essay of Bread, Wine, Beer, Ale and all other Victuals and Things whatsoever, set to Sale in the said City, and the Liberties and Limits thereof; and the amending and correcting of the same Assize; and all Amerciaments, Fines and Forfeitures to be laid and forfeited, concerning the same, or any Part thereof, without any Account thereof to be given to us, our Heirs or Successors; and to perform, do and act by themselves or their Deputies all and every Thing, needful or necessary in, about or concerning the same.

AND we do hereby further, for us, our Heirs and Successors, grant and give unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, the Office of Gauger of and in the said City, to gauge all and singular the Wine, Rum, Brandy, Molasses, Beer, Ale, Cyder and other Merchandizes and Vessels gaugeable, or to be gauged within the said City; except such Liquors as are to pay Duty by Virtue of any Act of Assembly, until after they have been gauged by the public Officer appointed

And to let, demise & dispose thereof, and receive all Fees and Profits arising therefrom.

Power to Common Council to build, repair and lay out Bridges, Lanes Highways, Streets and Alleys.

Power to hold five Markets every Day except Sunday.

And as many more as the Corporation think fit to establish.

Grant to the Corporation of the Assize of Bread, Wine, Beer, Ale, and other assizeable Merchandizes & Things.

Grant of the Office of Gauger.

And the Office of Measurer. pointed for that Purpose : And the Office of Measurer of and in the said City, to measure Salt, Wheat, Oats, and other Grain, and all other Merchandizes measurable, or to be measured in the said City : And also the Offices of Surveyor and Packer. Surveyor and Packer of Bread, Flour, Beef, Pork and other Provisions, and all other Merchandizes and Commodities to be surveyed, or packed in the said City : And also the Office of Cartage, Carriage and Portage of all Goods, Wares, Merchandizes and other Things to be carted or carried in or through the said City, or any Part thereof : And also the Office of Garbling of all Manner of Spices, and other Merchandizes and Things to be garbled in the City aforesaid : To have and to hold the several Offices aforesaid, and every of them, and the Disposition, Ordinances and Corrections of the same, and to exercise the same by themselves, or their Deputies ; and to take and receive to themselves all Fees, Profits and Perquisites, to the said Offices and every of them, due, or to be due, and all the Fines, Amerciaments and Forfeitures to be laid and forfeited concerning the same, or any Part thereof, to them the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, and their Successors, to their own proper Use forever, without any Account, or any other Thing, to us, or our Heirs or Successors, to be given or made.

with all Fees and Profits arising thereby.

Power for the Mayor and four or more Aldermen, to make free Citizens under the common Seal.

The Fees to be paid on making a Freeman not to exceed s^t. to the Use of the Corporation.

No Unfreeman to use any Trade, or sell any Goods by himself or others by Retail.

Except in the Times of public Fairs.

Fines for using a Trade or selling Goods not being free.

To the Use of the Corporation.

AND further, That the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, or his Deputy for the Time being, and any four or more of the Aldermen for the Time being, shall, from Time to Time and at all Times forever hereafter, have full Power and Authority, under the common Seal of the said City, to make free Citizens of the said City and Liberties thereof ; and that every Person so to be made a free Citizen shall pay, on his being made free, for the Use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City aforesaid, and their Successors forever, a Sum not exceeding *Five Pounds, New-York Money* ; and we do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City aforesaid, and their Successors forever, full Power to ask, take, demand and receive the same, to their own Use and Behoof, without any Account thereof to be given to us, our Heirs or Successors, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever. *And we do hereby*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, constitute, appoint and ordain, that no Person whatsoever, not being a free Citizen of the said City as aforesaid, shall, at any Time hereafter, use any Art, Trade, Mystery or Occupation within the said City, Liberties and Precincts thereof, or shall by himself, themselves or others, sell, or expose to Sale, any Manner of Goods, Wares, Merchandizes or Commodities by Retail, in any House, Shop, Place or Standing, within the said City, or the Liberties or Precincts thereof (save in the Times of public Fairs) and that every such Person, so using any Art, Trade, Mystery or Occupation, or so retailing, contrary to the Intent and Meaning of these our present Letters, and shall persist therein, after Warning to him or them thereof given, or left, by the Appointment of the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or his Deputy, at the Place or Places where such Person or Persons shall so use any Art, Mystery or Occupation, or expose to Sale, by Retail as aforesaid, any Goods, Wares, Merchandizes or Commodities as aforesaid, shall forfeit the Sum of *Five Pounds New-York Money*, to and for the Use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors, for every Time that he or she shall so use any Trade, Mystery or Occupation, or expose to Sale, by Retail as aforesaid, any Goods, Wares, Merchandizes or Commodities, after such Warning given or left as aforesaid : All and every of which same Forfeitures, shall and may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Delinquent and Delinquents, by Warrant under the Seal of the said City, signed by the Mayor thereof for the Time being, or his Deputy, rendering the Surplusage to the Owner or Owners thereof (if any be) the necessary Charges of making and selling such Distress being first deducted ; or by any other lawful Method to be obtained ; and shall be recovered and received by and to the only Use of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, without any Account thereof to

be given to us, our Heirs or Successors, or to any of the Officers or Ministers of us, our Heirs or Successors: *Provided always*, and we do hereby, for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct, appoint and order, that no Person or Persons shall be made free as aforesaid, but such as are or shall be natural born Subjects of us, our Heirs or Successors, or shall be naturalized, or made Denizens. *And we do further*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, ordain, appoint, direct, will and grant, that all and every Person and Persons, now living, who at any Time heretofore have been admitted free Citizens, or into the Freedom of the said City of *New-York*, shall be, and remain free thereof, and free Citizens, and have and enjoy the said Freedom, and all the Rights and Privileges of Freemen and free Citizens of the said City of *New-York*, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

No Aliens to be made free.

All former Freemen to remain so.

AND, for the better Preservation of good Rule and Order in the said City, we do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, will, ordain and grant unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, and their Successors, that the Common Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall have full Power and Authority to licence or appoint by Warrant, under the common Seal of the said City, or otherwise, one or more Surveyors of Flour, Bread, Beef, Pork and other Provisions, Measurers of Grain, Salt and all other Commodities, Gaugers of Wine, Beer, Ale, Cyder, Rum, Brandy, and all other saleable or exciseable Liquors, Garblers, Beadles, Bell-Men, Watchmen, Bridewell-Keepers, or Keepers of a House or Houses of Correction and of Alms-Houses, Cryers and Bell-Ringers, and to displace all or any of them, and put others in their Room, and to add or diminish the Number of them, or any of them, as often as the said Common Council of the said City, or the major Part of them, shall think fit.

Common Council under the common Seal to appoint Surveyors, Measurers, Gaugers, Garblers, Beadles, &c.

And to displace them at Will.

AND *further*, we do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, grant unto the said Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty, and their Successors forever, full Power and Authority to erect and build, or appropriate any of their Buildings already built, for one or more Bridewell or Bridewells, House or Houses of Correction, and Work-House or Work-Houses, together with full Power and Authority to the said Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or any one of them, to take up and arrest, or order to be taken up and arrested, all and any Rogues, Vagabonds, Stragglers, and idle and suspicious Persons; and, as they the said Mayor, Recorder or Aldermen, or any one of them shall see Cause, to order all or any such Rogues, Vagabonds, Stragglers, and idle and suspicious Persons, either to the said Work-House, there to remain, and work such Work, and so long, not exceeding forty Days, or else to Bridewell or the House of Correction, there to receive such Punishment, not extending to the Loss of Life or Limb, as the said Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or any one of them, shall think fit. *And also*, That they the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, and their Successors forever, may, and shall have Power to build, erect or appropriate any of their Buildings already built for an Alms-House, for Relief of the Poor; together also with as full and ample Power to them, and their Successors, to order, direct and act in and about the said Houses of Correction, Work-Houses and Alms-Houses, and the Persons to be put in and ordered there, as to any City or Corporation, in any Place of that Part of our Realm of *Great-Britain* called *England*, and the Officers or Ministers thereof doth or may belong. *And also*, That they the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, and their Successors forever hereafter, may have one or more Goal or Goals, in such fit Place or Places, within the said City and Limits and Jurisdictions thereof, as by the Common Council of the said City, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall be appointed, to imprison, and safe keep all and every Person and Persons, for any Treasons, Murders, Felonies, Trespasses, Evil-doings, and all other Matters and Causes whatsoever, to be arrested or attached, or to be committed to the Goal or Goals aforesaid, in safe Custody there to remain, until they be delivered by due Course of Law. And that the Common Council of the City aforesaid, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall and may have Power,

Power to the Corporation to erect any Bridewell or Work-Houses.

And to the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen or any one of them to commit any Vagabonds there.

Power to the Corporation to erect or appropriate any of their Buildings for an Alms-House.

And to have one or more Goals as they shall think fit.

Common Council to appoint one or more Goal Keepers, with Power to remove them at Pleasure,

Who shall receive all Malefactors into his Custody.

Mayor appointed Clerk of the Market.

And Water-Bailiff.

And to receive the Fees of Clerk of the Market, and Water-Bailiff, to his own Use.

Mayor to Licence one or more Marshals, Porters, Carriers, Cartmen, Carmen, Packers, Cullers, Cryers, Scavengers, and to displace them at Pleasure.

And grant Licences to keep Tavern.

Fees for Licences to keep Tavern,

from Time to Time, to choose, constitute and place, one or more fit Person or Persons in the Office or Offices of Keeper or Keepers of the Goal or Goals afore said, to hold the same during the good Pleasure of the Common Council of the said City for the Time being, or the major Part of them, as afore said, requiring, and hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, empowering and commanding the Keeper and Keepers of the Goal or Goals afore said, for the Time being, that all and singular Traitors, Murderers, Felons, Malefactors, Disturbers of the Peace, and other Delinquents, and all others, for any Crime or Offence, or other reasonable Cause or Matters to the Goal or Goals afore said ordered or committed, or to be committed or ordered, from Time to Time, shall receive, take, keep, and cause to be kept in the same Goal or Goals, until they shall be thence delivered by due Course of Law.

AND *we do further*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, will, ordain, and grant, that the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, shall forever hereafter be Clerk of the Market of us, our Heirs and Successors, within the City afore said, and the Limits, Liberties, and Precincts thereof; and that the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, by himself or his Deputy, may and shall have full Power and Authority to do and execute, and shall and may do and execute forever, within the Limits, Liberties and Precincts of the said City, all and whatsoever to the Office of Clerk of the Market there, doth, shall or may belong, without any Hindrance or Impediment of us, our Heirs or Successors, or any of the Officers of us, our Heirs or Successors; and that no other Clerk of the Market shall intermeddle there. *And also*, That the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, and his Successors, during the Time of his and their Mayoralties, and no other, be and shall be, the Bailiff and Conservator of the Water of the North and East-Rivers, and shall and may do, exercise and execute the said Office of Bailiff and Conservator of the Water of the North and East-Rivers, or Water-Bailiff by him or themselves, or by his or their sufficient Deputy or Deputies, in, upon, or about the same Water of the North and East-Rivers (*that is to say*) in and through all the Limits, Bounds and Jurisdiction of the said City of *New-York*, upon all and every the Banks, Shores and Wharfs of the same Water of the North and East-Rivers, within the Limits and Bounds afore said; and to have, receive, collect and enjoy all and singular Wages, Rewards, Fees and Profits, to the same Offices of Clerk of the Market, and Water-Bailiff, or any of them, due or to be due, or belonging to his and their own Use, without any Account thereof to us, our Heirs or Successors to be made. *And also*, That the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, shall have full Power and Authority to licence or appoint, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, or otherwise, one or more Marshal or Marshals of the said City, Porters, Carriers, Cartmen, Carmen, Packers, Cullers, common Cryers, Scavengers, and to displace all or any of them, and to put others in their Rooms; and to add to, or diminish the Number of them, or any of them, when and as often as the Mayor of the said City, for the Time, shall think fit.

AND *we do further*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, that the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, and no other whatsoever, shall have Power to give and grant Licences annually, under the public Seal of the said City, to all such Persons as he shall think fit to licence them, and every of them, to keep a Tavern, Inn, Ordinary or Victualling-House, and to sell Wine, Brandy, Rum, Strong Waters, Cyder, Beer, Ale or any other Sort of exciseable or strong Liquors, within the City of *New-York*, or the Liberties and Precincts thereof, by Retail or the small Measure; and that it shall be lawful to and for the said Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, to ask, demand and receive for every such Licence by him to be given and granted as afore said, such Sum or Sums of Money, as he and the Person to whom such Licence shall be given and granted, shall agree for, not exceeding the Sum of *Thirty Shillings*, for each Licence; all which Monies, as by the said Mayor shall be so received, shall be

be used and applied to the public Use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, without any Account thereof to be rendered, made or done to us, our Heirs or Successors, or any other Person whatsoever: Every and each of which Licences shall continue and be in Force for any Time, not exceeding one Year from the granting thereof, but no longer. *And we do hereby*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, constitute, direct, order and appoint, that no Person or Persons whatsoever, without such Licence being in Force, shall at any Time hereafter keep any Tavern, Inn, public Ordinaries, or Victualling-House, or sell Wine, Brandy, Rum, Strong Waters, Cyder, Beer, Ale, or any other Sorts of exciseable or strong Liquors, within the City of *New-York*, or the Liberties or Precincts thereof, by Retail or small Measure, under the Penalty of *Five Pounds*, current Money of *New-York*, for every Time that any Person shall act contrary hereto in any Respect, to be forfeited and paid by every Person, for every Time he or she shall offend, or act contrary hereto in any Respect, to and for the Use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, for the Time being: All and every of which Penalties shall and may be levied, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Delinquent and Delinquents, by Warrant under the Seal of the said City, signed by the Mayor thereof for the Time being, or his Deputy, rendering the Surplusage to the Owner or Owners thereof, if any be, the necessary Charges of making and selling such Distress being first deducted, or by any other lawful Method to be obtained; and shall be recovered and received by, and to the only Use of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, without any Account thereof to be given to us, our Heirs or Successors, or to any of the Ministers or Officers of us, our Heirs or Successors.

And further we, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and by these Presents do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and to their Successors forever, that the Mayor, Deputy-Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, be, and shall be at all Times forever hereafter, and hereby are assigned to be Justices, and each of them a Justice of us, our Heirs and Successors, the Peace of us, our Heirs and Successors, within the City aforesaid, and the Limits, Jurisdiction and Extent thereof, and within the County of *New-York*, to keep; and that they the said Mayor, Deputy-Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, or any four or more of them (whereof we will the Mayor, or Deputy-Mayor, or Recorder of the said City, for the Time being, to be one) shall and may forever hereafter hold and keep four Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the said City and County of *New-York*, to begin at certain Times in the Year; *to wit*, one of them to begin on the first *Tuesday* in *November*; another on the first *Tuesday* in *February*; another on the first *Tuesday* in *May*; and the other on the first *Tuesday* in *August*, in every Year; each of which Sessions of the Peace shall and may last, continue and be held any Time, not exceeding four Days. *And also*, That they the said Mayor, Deputy-Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the said City for the Time being, or any four or more of them (whereof we will the Mayor, or Deputy-Mayor, or Recorder of the said City, for the Time being, to be one) shall and may forever hereafter have full Power and Authority to inquire of, and hear and determine, within the City and County aforesaid, all and all Manner of Felonies, Imprisonments, Riots, Routs, Oppressions, Extortions, Fore-stallings, Regratings, Trespases, Offences, and all and singular other Evil-Deeds and Offences whatsoever, within the City and County aforesaid, from Time to Time perpetrated, done, arising or happening, which to the Office of Justices of the Peace are incumbent, or do in any Manner belong, or which hereafter shall happen to belong, or be incumbent on them, or which in any Manner before Justices of the Peace ought or may be enquired into, heard

and

To the Use of the Corporation.

Licence to continue in Force one Year and no longer.

No Person without Licence to keep a Tavern or Retail.

On Penalty of *5l*.

To be levied,

To the Use of the Corporation.

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen assigned Justices of the Peace.

And that they or any four or more (whereof the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Recorder to be one) may hold Courts of Sessions, on the first *Tuesday* in *November*, *February*, *May*, and *August*, yearly.

To last any Time not exceeding four Days.

And to enquire, hear and determine all Felonies and Offences whatsoever belonging to the Office of Justices of the Peace.

And as Justices to have Jurisdiction in all Causes, which to the Office of Justices doth or may belong.

Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen made Justices of Oyer and Terminer, and of the Goal delivery, and be so named in every Commission. Sheriff and other Officers to execute the Warrants and Commands of Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen.

Power to the Corporation to hold one Court of Record on every Tuesday in the Week yearly, before the Mayor or his Deputy, or the Recorder and any three or more Aldermen, or any four or more of them, whereof the Mayor or his Deputy, or the Recorder to be one.

And to hold Plea, take Cognizance of and determine all civil Causes, as well real as personal, or mixt, arising within the City and County.

According to the Laws

and determined, together with the Correction and Punishment thereof, and to do and execute all other Things, within the City and County aforesaid and the Liberties and Precincts thereof, as fully, freely and entirely, and in as ample Manner and Form as Justices of the Peace of us, our Heirs and Successors, any where within that Part of our Kingdom of *Great-Britain* called *England*, by the Laws, Statutes or Customs of *England*, or by any other legal Method whatsoever, heretofore had or exercised, or hereafter to be had or exercised, could, might or can do, and in as ample Manner and Form, as if the same had been in these our Letters particularly, and by special Words expressed, contained and mentioned. And that the said Justices of the Peace of us, our Heirs and Successors, in the City and County aforesaid, may have and exercise Jurisdiction in all Causes, Matters and Things whatsoever, which to Justices of the Peace of our said City and County, in any Manner do, or ought to belong. And further, that the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, and every of them, from Time to Time, and at all Times forever hereafter, shall be Justices assigned of *Oyer and Terminer*, and of the Goal Delivery of all and every the Goals now being, and hereafter to be in the said City and County, and either of them, and shall be named in every Commission, thereof to be made. And we do hereby, for us, our Heirs and Successors, grant, order and appoint, that the Sheriff and other Ministers and Officers of the said City, for the Time being, shall and may, and they are, and each of them is hereby commanded, authorized and fully empowered to execute and return all and every the Precepts and Commands of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, and either or any of them from Time to Time, and at all Times, as fully and effectually as any Sheriff, Minister or Officer of any County or City, any where in that Part of our Kingdom of *Great-Britain* called *England*, the Mandates or Commands of any Justice of the Peace, Justice of *Oyer and Terminer* or Goal Delivery of, or in any County there, hath used to make, return or execute, in any Manner whatsoever.

And we do further, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, that they and their Successors forever hereafter, shall, can and may have and hold, in the Name of us, our Heirs and Successors, one Court of Record, within the City of *New-York*, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof, upon every *Tuesday* in the Year, before the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, or his Deputy, or the Recorder of the said City, for the Time being, and any three or more of the Aldermen for the Time being, or any four or more of them (whereof we will the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or his Deputy, or the Recorder of the said City for the Time being, to be one.) And, That the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, or his Deputy, or the Recorder of the said City, for the Time being, and three or more of the Aldermen, and any four or more of them (whereof we will the said Mayor, or his Deputy, or the Recorder to be one) shall and may hold Plea and have Cognizance of all and all Manner of Plaints, Actions, and Pleas, of any Lands and Tenements, within the said City of *New-York*, and the Limits and Precincts thereof; and also of all Actions of Trespas with Force and Arms, and without Replevin, Ejectment, Trover and Conversion, Trespas upon the Case, Debt, Detinue, Covenant, Deceits, Contracts, Contempts, Penalties, Forfeitures, and all other Actions and Pleas, as well real as Personal, and mixt, arising and accruing within the said City and Limits thereof; together with full Power and Authority to hear and determine all and every the same, and such Actions and Pleas aforesaid, and Judgments thereon to render, and Executions thereof to award and make, and to act and do every Thing therein, in such Manner and Form, and by such, and the like Methods, Process and Proceedings, as fully and amply as in our other Courts of Record, in such, or the like Cases is used, or can or may be acted and done, according to the Laws of that Part of

of our Kingdom of *Great-Britain* called *England*, and of our said Province of *New-York*.

AND *we do hereby*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, grant, order and appoint, that the Sheriff, and the Coroner, and other Ministers and Officers of the said City, for the Time being, shall and may, and they are, and each of them is hereby commanded, authorized and fully empowered to execute and return all and every the Precepts and Processess of the said Court, to them respectively directed, or to be directed, from Time to Time, and at all Times, as fully and effectually as any Sheriff, Coroner, Minister or Officer of or in any City or Place within that Part of our Kingdom of *Great-Britain* called *England*, the Precepts and Processess of any Court of Record there, hath used, or can or may execute and return, in any Manner howsoever; *Provided always*, That the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, or his Deputy, or the Recorder of the said City, for the Time being, and any three or more of the Aldermen of the said City, or any four or more of them (whereof the Mayor, or his Deputy, or the Recorder, we will to be one) may, and by these Presents have, and shall have, full Power to adjourn the said Court for any Time, not exceeding Twenty-eight Days.

of England or this Colony.

Sheriffs, Coroners and Officers to execute & return their Precepts.

Power to adjourn the Mayor's Court for any Time, not exceeding 28 Days.

AND *we do further* will, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors, that they and their Successors, from henceforth forever hereafter, shall and may have, within the City aforesaid, a fit and discreet Man to be, and who shall be, and be called *The common Clerk of the City aforesaid*, to act and do all those Things, within the City aforesaid, and the Limits and Jurisdiction thereof, which to any common Clerk of, or in any City, Borough or Town, incorporated, any where in that Part of our Kingdom of *Great-Britain* called *England*, by Virtue of his Office, can or ought to do. *And also*, That forever hereafter, the common Clerk of the City aforesaid, for the Time being, shall also be Clerk of the Court of Record, to be held before the Mayor, or his Deputy, or the Recorder, or any three or more of the Aldermen of the said City as aforesaid; and also Clerk of our Peace, and of the Peace of our Heirs and Successors, and of the Sessions of the Peace, for and in the City and County of *New-York*, from Time to Time to be held, and all and singular those Things, which to the Office and Offices of such Clerk of the Peace, and of the Sessions of the Peace, for and in the City and County of *New-York*, from Time to Time to be held, and all and singular those Things which to the Office and Offices of such Clerk of the Peace, and of the Sessions of the Peace, do and shall appertain, to do, act and execute; and also shall and may require, demand, take, accept, hold, keep and enjoy all Fees, Perquisites and Profits, which may to any such common Clerk, Clerk of the Peace, and of the Sessions of the Peace, do, or ought to belong. *And we do hereby*, give, grant, ratify and confirm, for us, our Heirs and Successors, unto our beloved *William Sharpas*, Gent. (one of the Inhabitants of the City aforesaid) to be the present common Clerk of the City of *New-York* aforesaid; and also Clerk of the Peace, and of the Sessions of the Peace, for and in the City and County of *New-York*, to continue in the Offices aforesaid, during his Life, and to act and execute the same Offices and Places by himself or his Deputy. *And we do further*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, appoint, will and direct, that the Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province of *New-York*, for the Time being; from Time to Time, and at all Times after the Death of the said *William Sharpas*, when and so often as the Office and Place of common Clerk of the said City, shall happen to be vacant, shall and may appoint an honest and discreet Man, being one of the Inhabitants, and a Freeman or Freeholder of the said City, to be common Clerk of the said City, during his good Behaviour; and so as often as such Case shall happen. *And we do further*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, will and grant, that so often as the said Office shall be vacant, the Common Council of the said City, for the Time being, shall and may appoint one other honest and discreet Citizen,

Corporation to have a Common Clerk.

Who shall be Clerk of the Court of Record, Clerk of the Peace, and of the Sessions of the Peace,

and take all Fees belonging to those Offices.

Mr. Will. Sharpas appointed common Clerk, and Clerk of the Peace and Sessions of the Peace.

Upon his Death, the Governor to appoint another, who shall execute those Offices, during his good Behaviour.

As often as the Office of Clerk be vacant, the Common Council to appoint one, who

shall continue therein till another be appointed by the Governor, and sworn.

Eight Attornies appointed for the Mayor's Court, during their good Behavior.

And no other Attornies to practice there.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder, and any three or more Aldermen, or any four or more of them, the Mayor or his Deputy, or Recorder to be one, may with Consent of the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the ill Behavior of the Attornies, and on lawful Conviction remove them.

And after the Amoval or Death of two, upon the Amoval or Death of any other of them, to recommend others to the Governor or Commander in Chief in their Room; who when approved of shall be admitted in the Mayor's Court.

And no Person not recommended & approved shall be permitted to practice after the Death or Amoval of two, the Number of Attornies forever to remain six.

Provided nothing be construed to hinder his Majesty from prosecuting or defending by his Attorney-Ge-

being an Inhabitant and Freeman, or Freeholder of the said City, to be common Clerk of the said City, and Clerk of the said Court of Record, in and for the said City; and Clerk of the Peace, and of the Sessions of the Peace, in and for the said City and County of *New-York*, to act and execute the said Offices, and who shall and may execute, do and receive all and whatsoever to the said Offices, and every of them belongs, or shall belong or appertain, till, in his Room, another honest and discreet Person, being an Inhabitant and Freeman, or Freeholder of the said City, shall be appointed into, or for the said Offices, by the Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province for the Time being; and shall have taken such an Oath, as is hereby directed for every such person so to be appointed, to give and take; and so from Time to Time, and so often as the Case may or shall so happen.

AND *further*, we do hereby constitute, name, and appoint *James Alexander, Joseph Murray, John Chambers, William Smith, George Lurting, William Jamison, Richard Nicholls, and Abraham Lodge*, Gentlemen, to be the present Attornies, and each of them to be an Attorney of and in the said Court of Record, for and during the good Behaviour of each of them respectively: And we do hereby for us, our Heirs, and Successors, grant and ordain, that no other Attorney or Attornies, Person or Persons whomsoever, (besides the afore named Attornies, during the Time that they shall all remain Attornies of the said Court) shall be permitted or suffered to practice as an Attorney of or in the said Court; but all and every other Attorney and Attornies, Person and Persons (besides the before named Attornies, during the Time aforesaid) from being an Attorney or Attornies of or in the said Court, and from all Practice as such, shall be, and are, and each of them is excluded and debarred. And *we do hereby*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, that the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, or his Deputy, or the Recorder; and any three or more of the Aldermen of the said City for the Time being, or any four or more of them whereof we Will (the Mayor, or his Deputy, or the Recorder of the said City, for the Time being to be one) shall and may (by and with the Consent and Approbation of our Governor and Commander in Chief for the Time being) have full Power and Authority, all, or any of the before named Attornies of the said Court, and all or any other of the Persons, hereafter to be appointed or admitted Attornies of or in the said Court, for their or his evil Behaviour, in their or his said Duty or Office of Attornies, or an Attorney of or in the same, on his or their being thereof legally convicted, from being Attornies, or an Attorney of or in the said Court, to amove, displace, and forever exclude; and after the Amoval or Death of any two or more of the before named Attornies, upon the Amoval or Death of any other of the Attornies before named, or hereafter to be admitted, to recommend one other Person to the Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province of *New-York*, for the Time being, for his Approbation, in the Room of such Attorney so dying, or being removed; each of which Persons, so to be recommended, and approved of, as aforesaid, shall and may be admitted and sworn an Attorney of, and in the said Court; and so, as often as the Case shall happen. And *we do further*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, grant and appoint, that no other Attorney or Person whatsoever, shall, after the Death or Amoval of any of the before named Attornies, be admitted or suffered to practice as an Attorney of or in the same Court, but what shall be recommended and approved of as aforesaid. And *further*, we do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, grant, will and ordain, that the number of Attornies of the said Court, shall not at any one Time after the Death or Removal of any two or more of the before named Attornies, forever hereafter exceed the Number of Six: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to extend to hinder us, our Heirs or Successors, from prosecuting or defending, all or any Suits, Causes, Actions or Prosecutions in the said Mayor's Court by our Attorney, or Solicitor General for our said Province, or the Attorney or Solicitor General of.

of us, our Heirs or Successors for the said Province, for the Time being ; nor to hinder the Attorney or Solicitor General of us, our Heirs or Successors, for the said Province, for the Time being, to practise in the said Court as Council in any civil Cause.

AND *we do further* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, for us, our Heirs and Successors, grant, appoint and direct, that the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, and each of them from Time to Time, and at all Times, forever hereafter, shall have, by these Presents, full Power and Authority to have and take Cognizance of, and to hear, try and finally determine with or without a Jury, all Pleas, Suits, Controversies and Trespasses, wherein the Value does not exceed the Sum of *Forty Shillings*, in such Manner as they or either of them shall think or judge to be agreeable and according to Equity, and good Conscience ; and for the more due Proceeding herein, it shall and may be lawful for them or either of them to administer an Oath to the Plaintiff or Defendant ; and also to such Witnesses, as shall be produced by each Party, if they the said Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or either of them think fit ; and in Case, either of the Parties, Plaintiff or Defendant, shall not perform such Order, Judgment or Decree as the said Mayor, Recorder or Aldermen for the Time being, or any one of them, shall make or set down, then it shall and may be lawful for them or any one of them to commit such Party or Parties to any Prison of or in the said City, there to remain until he, she or they perform such Order ; and every Marshal of the said City for the Time being, is hereby commanded and authorized to execute all and any the Summonses, Precepts and Commands of them the said Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, or any one of them, made, issued, or given, in, about or concerning such Suits, Pleas, Controversies and Trespasses, or any of them, as shall be to him directed ; and every Keeper of the Goal for the City of *New-York*, for the Time being, is hereby commanded and authorized to receive and safe keep in his Goal or Custody, all such Parties so committed or to be committed to the Prison, he shall be then Keeper of, until he, she or they shall perform such Order accordingly.

AND *we do*, for ourselves, our Heirs and Successors, by these our present Letters, require and strictly charge and command, and fully empower the Sheriff, Common Clerk, Chamberlain, Marshal, Goal-Keepers, High Constable, Petty Constables, and all other subordinate Officers of and in the said City, now chosen, elected, constituted, or appointed, or that hereafter may be chosen, elected, constituted, or appointed, and every of them respectively, jointly and severally, as Cause shall require, to be obeisant and obedient to and attend upon the said Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the said City, and every or any of them, at all Times hereafter, according to the Duty or Obligation of their respective Offices and Places ; and to execute all and every the Commands, Precepts, Warrants, and Processes, to them respectively directed and issued, and given out, and to be issued and given out, by them the said Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, or any one of them.

AND *we do further* hereby will, declare and ordain, that before the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Assistants, Assessors, Sheriff, Coroner, Common Clerk, Chamberlain, High Constable, and Petty Constables of the said City, such of them as are hereby appointed and named, and all and every such as hereafter are to be appointed, elected or chosen, shall, before they be respectively permitted to execute their respective Offices or Places aforesaid, respectively be sworn as follow, *to wit*, The hereby named Mayor of the said City, and every other Person, hereafter to be appointed to or for that Office, to take the proper Oath as such, and *well and truly to execute the Office of Mayor, and all other Offices and Places, hereby appointed for each Mayor to execute and act in*, and the usual Oath of a Justice of Peace, Before the Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province of *New-York*, for the Time being, in Presence of three or more of the Aldermen of the said

neral, nor to hinder the Attorney-General from practising as Council in any civil Cause.

Power to the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen and each of them to determine all Causes with or without a Jury, where the Thing in Demand shall not exceed 40s.

And to administer an Oath to Plaintiff and Defendant and their Witnesses.

And if either Party refuse to comply with the Decree of them or any of them that they or any one of them may commit such Party to Prison till Performance.

Every Marshal to execute their or either of their Precepts.

And every Goal Keeper to receive and in Custody, &c. such Party or Parties who shall not comply with such Decree and be committed.

Sheriff, Clerk and all subordinate Officers to be obedient to

and attend upon the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, and to execute their Commands.

Mayor, his Deputy, and other Officers to be sworn

before they execute their Offices.

Mayor to be sworn.

before the Governor, or in his Absence, before the oldest Coun-

sellor, in the Presence of three or more Aldermen.

Power to administer such Oath, granted to the Governor, and in his Absence to the oldest Counsellor.

Recorder to be sworn.

Before the Mayor or his Deputy.

Deputy Mayor to be sworn.

His Oath.

Mayor or Recorder and any three or more Aldermen to administer such Oath.

Aldermen, Assistants, Assessors, Sheriff, Coroner, Clerk, Chamberlain, High Constable,

and Petty Constables,

to be sworn before the Mayor, or his Deputy or Recorder,

who are impowered to administer the same.

None of the Corpo-

said City of *New-York*, for the Time being; or, in Case of the Absence of the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, then before the oldest Counsellor of the said Province, for the Time being, in the Presence of three or more of the Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being. *And we do hereby*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give and grant full Power and Authority to the Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province, for the Time being, in the Presence of three or more of the Aldermen of the City aforesaid, for the Time being, or in Case of the Absence of the said Governor or Commander in Chief, then to the oldest Counsellor of the said Province for the Time being, in the Presence of any three or more of the Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, to administer such Oaths accordingly, without any other Warrant, Commission, or Power, from us, our Heirs or Successors; and so from Time to Time, as often as the Case shall or may require or happen. *And the above named Recorder of the said City of New-York*, and every other Person hereafter to be appointed to or for that Office, to take the proper Oath, as such Officer ought to take, and an Oath, *Well and truly to execute the Office of Recorder*; and the proper Oath of a Justice of Peace, before the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, or his Deputy, to which same Mayor, for the Time being, or his Deputy, we do for us, our Heirs and Successors, give full Power and Authority by these Presents, to administer such Oaths accordingly, in Manner aforesaid, without any other Warrant, Commission or Power from us, our Heirs and Successors; and every Deputy Mayor, or every Alderman hereafter to be appointed to act as Deputy Mayor, for the Time being, to take the proper Oath as such, and an Oath, *Well and truly to execute the Office of a Deputy Mayor, During the Time for which he shall be appointed Deputy, if the same Mayor, his Constituent, shall so long live: And if the said Mayor shall happen to die within such Time, that thereupon, and from thence forth, such Deputy Mayor shall well and truly execute the Office of Mayor of the said City, until another fit Person be appointed and sworn Mayor of the said City, in the Manner, in these present Letters mentioned*; and shall also take the proper Oath of a Justice of Peace, before the Mayor or Recorder, and any three or more of the Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being. *And we do hereby*, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give full Power and Authority to the Mayor, or Recorder of the said City, and to any three or more of the Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, to administer such Oaths, as aforesaid, without any other Warrant, Commission or Power from us, our Heirs or Successors. *And also*, every Alderman hereby appointed, and every Person hereafter to be elected to or for the Office or Place of Alderman of or in the said City, to take an Oath, *Well and truly to execute the Office or Place of Alderman*, and the proper Oath of a Justice of Peace, before the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, or his Deputy, or the Recorder of the said City, for the Time being: *And also every Assistant, Assessor, Sheriff, Coroner, Common Clerk, Chamberlain, High Constable and Petty Constable, hereby named, and every Person hereafter to be elected or appointed to or for the Office or Place of an Assistant, Assessor, Coroner, Common Clerk, or Chamberlain, or shall be appointed or elected to or for the Office or Place of High Constable or Petty Constable of or in the said City, each of them respectively to take the proper Oath for his respective Office or Place, and Well and truly to execute the respective Office or Place he is or shall have been respectively elected or named for*, before the said Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or his Deputy, or the Recorder of the said City for the Time being. *And we do hereby* give full Power and Authority to the Mayor of the said City, for the Time being, or his Deputy, or the Recorder of the said City, for the Time being, to administer such respective Oaths to each of the respective Persons aforesaid, accordingly, without any other Warrant, Power, or Authority from us, our Heirs or Successors.

AND further, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion

tion, we have granted, and by these Presents, do for ourselves, our Heirs and Successors, grant and confirm unto the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York* aforesaid, and to their Successors, that neither they, nor any one of them, nor any free Citizen of the said City, during the Time of their being Inhabitants there, shall, against their or any of their Wills, out of the City aforesaid, be put or impanelled upon or in any Assize, Juries or Inquisitions whatsoever (although it toucheth or doth or shall touch us, our Heirs or Successors, and although we, or our Successors, be or should, or shall be Parties) out of the said City, neither shall they or any one of them be made, elected or chosen Assessor, Taxer, or Collector of any Taxes, Duties, Imposts or Subsidies whatsoever, or of any Part or Parcel of them, or of any of them, out of the said City; nor shall be ordained, elected, assigned or appointed Constable, Bailiff, or any other Officer or Minister, without or beyond the City aforesaid, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof; nor shall be called upon, compelled or forced against their or any of their Wills, to do, receive, occupy or discharge any of the Duties or Functions above mentioned, or any other Office, Duty or Function whatsoever, without the City, Liberties and Precincts aforesaid. And although the aforesaid Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, Freemen, or free Citizens of the City aforesaid, or any of them, shall, while they are or remain Inhabitants of the said City, against their, or any of their Wills, be put, impanelled, or returned upon any Assizes, Juries, or Inquisitions whatsoever, out of the said City and Limits thereof; or shall to any of the Offices above mentioned, or any other Office or Function whatsoever, out of the said City, be elected or chosen; and though they, or any of them, being summoned, impanelled or returned, elected or chosen as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to come and appear before our Justices, or other Justices, Commissioners or Officers of us, our Heirs or Successors (before whom such Assizes, Juries or Inquests shall happen to be summoned or returned) or in or upon the same Assizes, Juries or Inquests, shall refuse or neglect to be sworn or tried, or any of the Offices, Duties or Functions aforesaid, shall refuse to do, receive, occupy or discharge, yet the Person or Persons so refusing any Contempts, Fines, Amerciaments, Penalties, Forfeitures or Losses whatsoever, by Reason of such Refusal or Neglect, to or towards us, our Heirs or Successors, shall not, nor either of them, shall in any Wise incur, but therefrom and thereof, as well before us, our Heirs and Successors, as all other the Justices, Commissioners, and other Officers whatsoever of us, our Heirs or Successors, shall remain quiet and forever discharged.

And further, we do for us, our Heirs and Successors, by these present Letters, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto all and every the respective Inhabitants and Freeholders of the said City of *New-York*, and their several and respective Heirs and Assigns forever, all and every the several and respective Messuages, Tenements, Lands and Hereditaments, situate, lying and being in the said City, and *Manhatan's-Island* aforesaid, to them severally and respectively granted, conveyed or confirmed, or mentioned or intended to be granted, conveyed or confirmed, by any of the late Governors, Lieutenant Governors, or Commanders in Chief of the said Province, or by any of the former Mayors, or Deputy Mayors, and Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, by that or any other Name, Stile or Title, or by others claiming under any such Grant or Conveyance, to have and to hold to them respectively, and to their respective Heirs and Assigns forever; saving and reserving the several Rents and Quit-rents reserved and due, and to be due and payable from each of the several Persons, to whom by Virtue of any former Grants to them (or those from or under whom they respectively hold) the same Messuages, Tenements, Lands or Hereditaments were made or given.

And further, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, we do, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of our said City of

ration nor any free Citizens of the City to be compelled against their Wills to serve on any Inquest or Juries or to execute any Office out of the Jurisdiction of the City, while they remain Inhabitants.

Nor shall incur any Fine.

For refusing to serve on any Inquests, Juries, or to execute any Office out of the Jurisdiction of the City.

Grant and Confirmation to all the Inhabitants of their Houses, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments.

Saving the Quit-rents, reserved by their Grants.

Power to the Corporation to purchase and hold in Fee any

Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments,

So as the clear yearly Value exceed not 3000 l. Sterl. per Annum.

And the same to dispose of at their Pleasure.

Grant and Confirmation to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City-Hall, and Goals, the 5 Market-Houses, the Great-Dock, Crane, Wharf, and common Sewer, the Powder-House, and the Ferry, and all other Ferries hereafter to be settled, together with the Ferry-Houses, Barn, Stables, Pens, Pounds, and Ground thereto belonging, and the Ground between High & Low-Water-Mark, from the East Side of Wall-About to the West Side of the Red Hook, and all waste, vacant, and unpatented Land on Manhattan's - Island extending to Low-Water - Mark, with the benefit of all Docks, and Wharfs, &c.

And all Profits arising therefrom, and all Rivers, Creeks, Coves, and other Privileges, Advantages and Hereditaments, and all other their Rights & Privileges.

Grant by former Charters,

New-York, and to their Successors forever, full, special and free Liberty, Licence, Power and Authority to take, receive, have, hold and enjoy, to them and their Successors forever, in Fee simple, any Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Rents and other Possessions and real Estate, within or without the said City, as well of and from us, our Heirs and Successors, as of and from all and every other Person and Persons whomsoever; so as the Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Rents and other Possessions and real Estate, which the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, shall or may have in their Possession and Seizen, at any one Time, exceed not, in the whole, the clear yearly Rent or Value of *Three Thousand Pounds per Annum*, Money of our Realm of *Great-Britain*, beyond and above all Charges and Reprizes, without any Hindrance of us, our Heirs or Successors, or the Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, Coroners, Bailiffs, or other the Ministers of us, our Heirs or Successors; and this without any other Letters Patent, Liberty, Licence or Power from us, our Heirs or Successors, the Statute of *Mortmain*, or any other Act, Law, or Statute, or any other Cause, Thing or Matter whatsoever to the Contrary thereof in any Wise notwithstanding; and the same Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Rents and other Possessions, or any Part thereof, to demise, grant, lease, and set over, assign and dispose at their own Will and Pleasure, and to make, seal, and accomplish any Deed or Deeds, Lease or Leases, Evidences or Writings, for or concerning the same or any Part thereof.

AND *we do*, by these Presents, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, all those the now City-Hall and Goals, Rooms or Places, for the Courts of Justice and Chambers adjoining, with the Ground and Appurtenances thereto belonging, the five Market Houses, the Great-Dock, the now Crane and Wharf, with the Common Sewer leading through the Great-Dock and Bridge, and also the Magazine or Powder House, near the *Fresh-Water*, all in the City of *New-York*, and the Ferry and Ferries on both Sides of the *East-River*, and all other Ferries, now and hereafter to be erected and established all round the *Island Manhattan's*; and the Management and Rule of and all Fees, Ferriages and Perquisites to the same, or any Part thereof belonging or to belong; and also the Ferry Houses on *Nassau-Island*, with the Barn, Stables, Pen or Pounds and Lot of Ground thereto belonging; and also all the Ground, Soil or Land, between High-Water and Low-Water-Mark, on the said *Island of Nassau*, from the East Side of the Place called *Wall-About*, to the West Side of *Red-Hook*; and also to make Laws and Rules, for the governing and well ordering of all the Ferries now erected or established, or hereafter to be erected or established round the said *Island Manhattan's*; and all the waste, vacant, unpatented and unappropriated Lands, lying and being within the said City of *New-York*, and on *Manhattan's Island* aforesaid, extending to Low-Water-Mark; together with the Right, Benefit and Advantage of all Docks, Wharfs, Cranes, and Slips, or Small Docks within this City, with the Wharfage, Cranage and Dockage, and all Issues, Rents, Profits and Advantages, arising or to arise or accrue by or from all or any of them; and all Rivers, Rivulets, Creeks, Coves, Ponds, Waters, Water-Courses, Fishing, Fowling, Hunting and Hawking, Mines and Minerals, and other Royalties and Privileges within the City of *New-York* and *Manhattan's Island*; and also all and singular other the Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Preheminences, Advantages, Jurisdictions, Courts, Powers, Offices, Authorities, Markets, Ferries, Ferriages, Fees, Fines, Amerciaments, Perquisites, Profits, Immunities, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Possessions, and Hereditaments, and other real Estate, not only which in the before recited Grant or Writing made or mentioned to be made, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Six, and in the before recited Letters Patent of Queen *Anne*, mentioned, or intended to be thereby,

or by either of them granted or conveyed, but also, which the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, or their Predecessors, Inhabitants, or Citizens of the said City of *New-York*, or any Part thereof, by whatsoever other Name, Stile, or Title they, or any of them, have been known or called, have held or claimed to hold by Prescription or otherwise, (Silver and Gold Mines excepted) and also, except our Fort *George* in our City of *New-York*, and the Ground, full Boundaries, and Extent thereof, or thereto belonging; and also that Piece of Ground near the *English Church*, called, *The Governor's Garden*, and the Land called, *The King's Farm*, with the Swamp next to the same; and saving the several Rents, reserved by Virtue of former Grants, and saving to all other Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, their respective Titles to any of the said Lands or Tenements; and saving to the Inhabitants, or those that have Plantations by the Water Side, between *Wall-About* and *Red-Hook*, the Right of transporting themselves, and their own Goods only, in their own Boats, from and to their respective Dwellings or Plantations, without paying Ferriage; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the Premises aforesaid, and every Part and Parcel thereof (except and saving, as is herein excepted and saved) unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, to their only proper Use and Behoof forever.

AND also, we do further, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and to their Successors forever, all that Space of Ground and Soil of *Hudson's-River*, now lying and being under the Water of the same River, to begin at a certain Place, near High-Water-Mark, at the South End of a Piece of Upland, which lies between the said River, and a Piece of Meadow-Ground or Marsh, being the first Piece of Meadow-Ground or Marsh near *Hudson's-River*, to the Southward of *Greenwich*, and from whence the above named Run of Water, called *Bestaver's Killitie*, or Rivulet, runs into *Hudson's River*, from which Place of Beginning to extend and run to the South Side of the Street which runs from the Parade before our Fort in *New-York* to *Hudson's River*, South, eighteen Degrees, thirty Minutes West, on a straight Line, the Distance being One Hundred and Twenty-five Chains, from which Line to run a perpendicular Breadth of, and to comprehend Four Hundred Feet from Low-Water-Mark, into *Hudson's River*, the same containing Eighty-two Acres and one half Acre, or thereabout. AND also all that Space of Ground and Soil of the *East-River*, from the North Side of *Corlaer's-Hook* to *White-Hall*; beginning at two large Stones, set on the South Side of a small Creek in a Marsh on the North Side of *Corlaer's-Hook*; from whence, to the Eastermost Point of *Corlaer's-Hook*, the Distance on a straight Line, running South, fifteen Degrees thirty Minutes East, is forty Chains and two Rods; from thence to *White-Hall*, on a straight Line, Running South, Seventy-eight Degrees thirty Minutes West, the Distance is One Hundred and Fifty-two Chains, from which two Lines, to run a perpendicular Breadth of, and to comprehend Four Hundred Feet, from Low-Water-Mark; into the *East-River*, the same containing One Hundred and Twenty-seven Acres, or thereabouts; together with all and singular the Benefits, Liberties, Privileges, Ways, Water-Courses, Easements, Wharfs, Keys, Profits, Hereditaments and Appurtenances, to the same, or any Part thereof belonging or appertaining, or to belong or appertain, or that can in any Wise be had, made, used or enjoyed thereon or therewith used, with full Power and Authority at any Time or Times hereafter to fill, make up, wharf, and lay out all and every Part thereof; and the same to build upon and make Use of in such Manner as they the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, and their Successors, shall think fit; and also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Benefit, Claim and Demand whatsoever, of, in or to, the same, and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, and the yearly, and other Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof; To have and to hold, all and singular the Premises aforesaid,

or which they at any Time held or claimed, except Gold and Silver Mines, the Fort, Governor's Garden, King's Farm, and Swamp, and all Rents reserved by former Grants, and saving to other Persons Right to the Premises; and saving to those having Plantations by the Water Side, between *Wall-About* & *Red-Hook*, a Right of transporting themselves and Goods,

to hold to the Corporation in Fee, Grant of the Soil under Water from *Bestaver's Killitie* to the Fort on the North-River,

comprehending 400 Feet below Low-Water-Mark and containing 82 Acres and an half, and also, of the Soil of the *East-River* from *Corlaer's Hook*,

to the *White-Hall*.

Comprehending 400 Foot from Low-Water-Mark, and being 127 Acres, with all Profits arising, or to arise therefrom.

With Power to wharf out the same, and use it as they think fit,

To hold to them in Fee.

Corporation not to wharf out, before those who have prior Grants of Keys or Wharfs below Low-Water-Mark, without their Consent.

And also, shall leave 40 Foot broad towards the East and North-Rivers for trading and planting Batteries.

To hold to the Corporation, under the yearly Quit-Rent of 30s. Proclamation Money over and above all former Quit-Rents.

Corporation quietly to enjoy all their Rights and Privileges.

Without the Hindrance of any Person whatsoever.

By any Information, Quo Warranto, or other Suit.

said, unto them the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, and their Successors, to their own proper Use and Behoof forever, and to no other Use, Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *Provided always*, That nothing in these Presents, shall be construed to empower or entitle the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, or their Successors, to wharf out before any Persons who have prior Grants, from us, or some or one of our Predecessors, or Keys or Wharfs beyond Low-Water-Mark, without the actual Agreement or Consent of such Persons, their Heirs or Assigns, Owners of such Keys or Wharfs. AND also, that of the Wharfs to be built, or run out, there shall be left towards the said *East* and *North-Rivers*, Forty Feet broad, as well for the greater Conveniency of Trade, as, at any Time or Times hereafter, for us, our Heirs and Successors, to plant Batteries thereon, in Case of any Necessities; to do which, we do, for us, our Heirs and Successors, hereby reserve Power; any Thing herein contained to the Contrary, in any Wise notwithstanding; they, the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, and their Successors, rendering, yielding and paying, for all and every the Rights, Privileges, Franchises, Preheminences, Advantages, Jurisdctions, Courts, Powers, Offices, Authorities, Fines, Amerciaments, Perquisites, Fees, Ferriages, Profits, Immunities, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Possessions, Hereditaments, and other real Estate, and all other the Premises, in and by these Letters, before and hereafter granted, or meant, mentioned, or intended to be hereby granted unto us, our Heirs and Successors, or unto our or their Receiver General, for the said Province of *New-York*, for the Time being, at the Custom-House, in the said City of *New-York*, yearly and every Year, on the Feast Day of Saint *Michael* the Arch-Angel, the annual Rent of *Thirty Shillings*, Proclamation Money, besides and over and above the yearly Quit-Rent of one Beaver's Skin, or the Value thereof, in current Money of our said Province, in and by the aforesaid recited Grant, made in the Year One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Six, reserved to be paid on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, yearly for ever; and also the yearly Quit-Rent of *Five Shillings*, current Money of *New-York*, in and by the before recited Letters Patent of Queen *Anne*, reserved to be paid, at or upon the Feast Day of Saint *John* the Baptist, yearly forever.

AND we do further, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for us, our Heir and Successors, by these Presents, give and grant unto the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, and their Successors forever, that they and their Successors, all and singular the Rights, Privileges, Franchises, Preheminences, Advantages, Authorities, Jurisdctions, Liberties, Offices, Courts, Powers, Immunities, Ferries, Ferriages, Profits and Perquisites, herein before mentioned, or intended to be hereby granted or confirmed, shall and may forever hereafter have, hold, enjoy and use, without the Hindrance or Impediment of us, our Heirs or Successors, or of any of the Justices, Sheriffs, Escheators, Coroners, Bailiffs, or other Officers or Ministers whatsoever of us, our Heirs or Successors, albeit the same, or some, or any one of them, have not been used, or may have been abused, misused or discontinued, forfeited or lost, being unwilling, and hereby forbidding, that the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, or their Successors, or any of them, by Reason of the Premises aforesaid, or any Part thereof, by us, or our Heirs, or by the Justices, Sheriffs, Escheators, Bailiffs, or other Officers or Ministers of us, our Heirs or Successors, be hindred, molested, vexed or aggrieved, or in any Wise disturbed; being willing, and by these Presents, for ourselves, our Heirs and Successors, commanding as well all the Judges and Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors, as the Attorney and Solicitor General of us, our Heirs and Successors, for the said Province, for the Time being; and also, all other Officers and Ministers whatsoever of us, our Heirs and Successors, for the Time being, that neither they, nor any of them, do prosecute or continue, or cause to be prosecuted or continued, any Information, or any Writ or Summons of *Quo Warranto*, or any other Writ or Writs, Prosecution, Suit or Processes whatsoever,

whatsoever, against the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, or their Successors, for the Time being, or against any of them, for any Causes, Things, Offences, Claims, Usurpations or Omissions, or any of them, by them the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, or any of them, or by their Predecessors, or any of them, or by any other Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, or any of them, done, attempted, claimed, used, had, usurped or committed, or omitted at any Time before the making of these Letters. AND we being willing also that the said now Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors, shall not, nor shall any, or either of them, be molested or impeached, by or before any Judge or Judges, Justice or Justices, Sheriffs, Officers, or other Ministers aforesaid, in or for any Use, Claim, Abuse, Usurpation of any the aforesaid or of any other Liberties, Franchises or Jurisdictions, within the City aforesaid, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof, before the Day of making of these Letters had used, claimed, abused or usurped, nor to or for them, or any of them, or for any other Thing whatsoever, shall be compelled to answer: AND also, of our more abundant especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, we have given, pardoned, remitted, released, and quit-claimed, and by these Presents do, for ourselves, our Heirs and Successors, give, pardon, remit, release, and quit-claim to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York* aforesaid, and to their Successors forever, by whatsoever Name the same Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty may be called, named or stiled, or lately heretofore were called, stiled, named or titled, all and all Manner of Actions whatsoever, Informations and Suits of *Quo Warranto*, and other informations, Suits and Prosecutions; and also, all and singular Usages, Non-usages, Abuses, Forfeitures, Usurpations, Intrusions, Omissions; and also all unjust Claims of any Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Jurisdictions, Courts, Powers, Offices, Fees, Fines, Amerciaments, Ferries, Ferriages, Perquisites, Rents, Possessions, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments whatsoever, by the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City aforesaid, or by any of their Predecessors, or by any other Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, by whatsoever Name or Names, or by Pretext of any Incorporation, before the Day of the making of these Presents, perpetrated, made or claimed; and also all and all Manner of Fines, Amerciaments, Penalties, Sums of Money, and other Forfeitures whatsoever, by Reason of such Usurpation, Intrusion, Usage, Non-usage, Omission, Abuse, or unjust Claim, and that they the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York* and their Successors, and every of them, be, and shall be, and hereby are, thereof fully acquitted and discharged towards us, our Heirs and Successors forever; being unwilling that they, or any of them, should by Reason of the Premises aforesaid, or any Part thereof, by us, our Heirs or Successors, or by any of our Justices, Sheriffs, Ministers or Officers whatsoever, be troubled, Molested or in any Wise vexed.

AND further, we do, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, will, declare and signify, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do grant unto, and covenant with, the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors, not only that they and their Successors forever hereafter may, and shall, have, hold, use, possess, and enjoy all the Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Jurisdictions, Courts, Powers, Offices, Authorities, Markets, Ferries, Fees, Fines, Amerciaments, Perquisites, Profits, Immunities; and also, all the Rents, Possessions, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and all other the Premises in these Presents mentioned, and intended to be hereby granted or confirmed; but also, that these our Letters, being entered upon Record, as is herein after appointed, and the Record or Inrollment thereof, and either of them, and all and every Thing therein contained, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter be, and shall be, firm, valid, good, sufficient, and effectual in Law towards and against us, our Heirs and Successors,

For any Matter or Causes whatsoever.

Nor be compelled to answer before any Justices, Officers, or Ministers, for any Claims, Abuses, or other Matters had or done before the Date hereof.

Grant, Release and Pardon of all Suits & Informations & Prosecutions.

And of all Fines and Forfeitures.

Covenant, That the Corporation shall quietly enjoy all their former and hereby granted Franchises, Lands, Tenements & Hereditaments.

This Grant or the Inrollment thereof to be of Force.

And be expounded most benignly, and in Favour of the Corporation in all Courts & Places whatsoever. Notwithstanding any Imperfection, Omission, Matter, Cause or Thing whatsoever.

according to the true Intention thereof; and in and through all Things shall be construed, taken, and expounded most benignly, and in Favour, and for the most and greatest Advantage, Profit and Benefit of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors, as well in all Courts as elsewhere, without any Confirmation, Licences, Tolerations procured or to be procured of us, our Heirs or Successors, notwithstanding that any Writ or Writs of *ad quod Damnum*, hath or have not issued, or is or are not returned, before the making of these Presents, and notwithstanding the not reciting, misreciting, or not rightly or certainly reciting, or ill or wrong reciting the said Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Jurisdictions, Courts, Powers, Offices, Authorities, Markets, Ferries, Fees, Amerciaments, Perquisites, Profits, Immunities, Rents, Possessions, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and any other the Premises, in or by these Presents granted, or mentioned or intended to be hereby granted, or any Part or Parcel thereof, and notwithstanding the not finding, or ill or not right or certain finding of any Office or Offices, Inquisition or Inquisitions of the Premises, hereby granted or mentioned, or intended to be hereby granted, or any Part or Parcel thereof, by which our Title in and to the said Premises, or any Part thereof, might, could, should or ought to have been found, before the making of these Presents; and notwithstanding any Defect in not reciting or ill reciting of any Lease, Grant or Grants of the Premises, or any Part thereof, being upon Record, or not upon Record, or otherwise howsoever; and notwithstanding the ill naming, misnaming, or not right or certain naming any Place or Precinct, wherein the Premises, or any Part thereof are or is; and notwithstanding any Defect in not mentioning, or not fully, rightly or certainly mentioning the Name or Names of all or any the Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Jurisdictions, Courts, Powers, Offices, Authorities, Markets, Ferries, Fees, Amerciaments, Perquisites, Profits, Immunities, Rents, Possessions, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other the Premises, hereby granted, or intended to be granted, or any Part or Parcel thereof; or of the yearly, or other Rent of, or reserved in, and upon the Premises, or any Part thereof; and notwithstanding any Defect, for the Want of a Computation or Declaration, or for the Omission of the true Value of the Premises, in these Presents mentioned or intended to be hereby granted, or any Part thereof; and notwithstanding any Defect in not mentioning our true Right, Estate or Title of or to the same Premises, or any Part or Parcel of them; and notwithstanding the not mentioning, or not fully, rightly or certainly mentioning the Natures, Kinds, Species, or Quantities of the Premises, or any Part or Parcel of them; and notwithstanding any Act, Statute or Ordinance of Parliament, or any Act of Assembly; and notwithstanding any other Defects, Defaults or Imperfections, or any other Cause or Thing whatsoever.

If any Fault or Imperfection should hereafter be found in these Presents, that the Crown will make any other Grant to the Corporation, as they shall see or think fit.

At their Costs and Charges.

This Grant to be made and sealed without paying any Fee for the same.

Notwithstanding any Omission or Imperfection whatsoever.

AND further, that if any Fault, Mistake or Imperfection, in Time to come, shall be found in these Presents, or any Doubt, Scruple or Question be, or shall be made, or shall happen to arise, concerning the Premises, or any Part thereof, that we, our Heirs and Successors, shall and will vouchsafe to make any other Grant or Assurance, under the Great Seal of us, our Heirs or Successors, of the said Province of *New-York*, to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, for the Time being, and their Successors, at their own proper Charges, for the better giving, granting and confirming, and for their safe and better enjoying the Premises aforesaid, and every Part thereof, when it shall be desired by the same Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, or their Successors. ALSO, we Will, and by these Presents grant unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, that they shall and may have these Presents made and sealed under the Great Seal of our said Province of *New-York*, without rendering, paying or making any Fine or Fee, great or little to us, or to our Use for the same, although no express Mention is made of the true yearly or other Value, or of the Certainty of the Premises, or any Part thereof, or of the Gifts or Grants, heretofore by us, or our Ancestors, or by any Governor, Lieutenant

nant Governor, or Commander in Chief of the said Province of *New-York*, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the said City of *New-York*, or to the Citizens or Inhabitants of *New-York* aforesaid, by that or any other Name, Stile or Title, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Proclamation, Provision or Restriction, made, published, ordained or provided to the Contrary, or any other Cause or Matter whatsoever in any Wise notwithstanding.

IN Testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed, and the same to be entered of Record in our Secretary's Office of our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining. *Witness* our trusty and well beloved *John Montgomerie*, Esq; our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of *New-York*, and the Province of *New-Jersey*, and Territories depending thereon in *America*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. at our *Fort-George*, in *New-York*, the fifteenth Day of *January*, in the fourth Year of our Reign.

Date of the Charter.

May it please your Excellency,

I HAVE perused this Charter, and find nothing therein prejudicial to the Interest of his Majesty.

To his Excellency
The Governor of the Province of
New-York, &c.

R. BRADLEY,
Attorney General.

15th January, 1730.

An A C T for confirming unto the City of *New-York*, its Rights and Privileges.

6th GEORGE II.
A. D. 1732.

Pass'd the 14th of October, 1732.

I. BE IT DECLARED AND ENACTED by the Governor, the Council, and the General Assembly of the Colony of *New-York*, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, That the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, shall and may forever hereafter remain, continue, and be a Body Corporate and Politic, *In Re, Facto & Nomine*, by the Name of, *The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New-York*; and by that Name to sue, plead and be impleaded, and to answer, and to be answered, without any Seizure or Forejudger, for or upon any Pretence of any Forfeiture or Misdemeanor, at any Time heretofore done, committed or suffered.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, to be a Corporation, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular Letters Patent, Grants, Charters, and Gifts, sealed under the Great Seal of the Colony of *New-York*, heretofore made and granted unto the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, be, and are hereby declared to be, and shall be good, valid, perfect, authentic and effectual in the Law, and shall stand, be taken, reputed, deemed, and adjudged good, perfect, sure, available, authentic and effectual in the Law, and shall stand, be taken, reputed, deemed, and adjudged good, perfect, sure, available, authentic and effectual in the Law against the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, according to the Tenor and Effect of the said Letters Patent, Grants, Charters and Gifts.

All Letter, Patents, &c. heretofore made to the said Mayor, &c. declared good and valid.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular Letters Patent, Grants, Charters, and Gifts, sealed under the Great Seal of the Colony of *New-York*, heretofore made and granted unto the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, be, and are, to all Intents and Purposes, hereby ratified and confirmed.

And are hereby confirmed.

IV.

And also all their
Rights, Privileges,
Franchises, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED *by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, and their Successors, shall and may forever hereafter, peaceably have, hold, use and enjoy, all and every the Rights, Gifts, Charters, Grants, Powers, Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Customs, Usages, Constitutions, Immunities, Markets, Duties, Tolls, Lands, Tenements, Estates and Hereditaments, which have heretofore been given or granted unto the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, by any Letters Patent, Grant, Charter, or Gift, sealed under the Seal of the Colony of *New-York*.

This Act to be
taken as a general &
publick Act.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED *by the Authority aforesaid*, That this present Act shall be accepted, taken and reputed to be a general and publick Act of Assembly; of which all and every the Judges, and Justices of this Colony, in all Courts, and all other Persons, shall take Notice on all Occasions whatsoever, as if it were a publick Act of Assembly relating to the whole Colony; any Thing herein contained to the Contrary thereof in any Wise notwithstanding.



